VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE

OF

NEW-JERSEY,

At a SESSION begun at TRENTON the 26th Day of *October*, 1779, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING OF THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY.

TRENTON:
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

Bergen,	The Honourable	Theunis Dey,	Esquires.
Eſſex,		Stephen Crane,	
Middleſex,		Jonathan Deare,	
Monmouth,		Joſeph Holmes,	
Somerſet,		Ephraim Martin,	
Burlington,		Peter Tallman,	
Glouceſter,		John Cooper,	
Salem,		Andrew Sinnickſon,	
Cape-May,		Jeſſe Hand,	
Hunterdon,		John Stevens, *Vice-Preſident*,	
Morris,		Silas Condict,	
Cumberland,		John Buck,	
Suſſex,		Robert Ogden,	

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Bergen,	Peter Wilſon,	Esquires.
	Robert Morris,	
	Iſaac Blanch,	
Eſſex,	Caleb Camp, *Speaker*,	
	Jacob Brookfield,	
	Joſiah Hornblower,	
Middleſex,	John Neilſon,	
	Thomſon Stelle,	
	Matthias Baker,	
Monmouth,	James Mott, jun.	
	Hendrick Smock,	
	Thomas Seabrook,	
Somerſet,	Roeloff Sebring,	
	Edward Bunn,	
	Henry Vandyke,	
Burlington,	Thomas Fenimore,	
	Joſiah Foſter,	
	Joſeph Biddle,	
Glouceſter,	John Sparks,	
	Joſeph Low,	
	Thomas Rennard,	
Salem,	Whitten Cripps,	
	John Mayhew,	
	Anthony Sharp,	
Cape-May,	Henry-Young Townſend,	
	James Whilden,	
	Jonathan Leaming,	
Hunterdon,	Benjamin Van-Cleve,	
	Jared Sexton,	
	William Gano,	
Morris,	Abraham Kitchel,	
	Ellis Cook,	
	Alexander Carmichael,	
Cumberland,	James Ewing,	
	Joel Fithian,	
	Timothy Elmer,	
Suſſex,	Mark Thompſon,	
	Peter Hopkins,	
	Anthony Broderick,	

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TRENTON, Tuesday, October 26, 1779.

BEING the Time and Place appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, chosen at the annual Election on the twelfth Instant, several Persons returned as Members attended, but not being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

Wednesday, October 27, 1779.

Several Persons returned as Members met pursuant to Adjournment, but not being a Quorum, adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Wednesday Afternoon.

A Quorum of Persons returned as Members met pursuant to Adjournment.

Peter Wilson, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Bergen; Caleb Camp* and *Josiah Hornblower*, returned as two of the Members for the County of *Essex; James Mott*, jun. *Hendrick Smock* and *Thomas Seabrook*, returned as Members for the County of *Monmouth; Edward Bunn* and *Henry Vandyke*, returned as two of the Members for the County of *Somerset; Thomas Fenimore, Josiah Foster* and *Joseph Biddle*, returned as Members for the County of *Burlington; John Sparks* and *Joseph Low*, returned as two of the Members for the County of *Gloucester; John Mayhew*, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Salem; James Whilden*, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Cape-May; Benjamin*

Van-Cleve,

Van-Cleve, *Jared Sexton* and *William Gano*, returned as Members for the County of *Hunterdon*; *Abraham Kitchell*, *Ellis Cook* and *Alexander Carmichael*, returned as Members for the County of *Morris*; and *James Ewing*, *Joel Fithian* and *Timothy Elmer*, returned as Members for the County of *Cumberland*, attending, the reſpective Certificates of their Election were read, approved, and ordered to be filed.

Caleb Camp, Eſquire, was appointed, agreeably to the Conſtitution, to qualify *James Ewing*, Eſquire, who being duly ſworn, accordingly took his Seat; and the Remaining Perſons returned as Members, being qualified by the ſaid *James Ewing*, Eſquire, took their Seats in the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, when the Honourable *Caleb Camp*, Eſquire, was unanimouſly choſen, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

Reſolved,

That Mr. *Ewing* be requeſted to officiate as Clerk, until a Clerk be appointed and do attend the Houſe.

Reſolved,

That *Robert Robinſon* be Doorkeeper to the Houſe during the preſent Sitting.

The Houſe proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, and the Votes being taken, *Maſkell Ewing*, jun. was choſen.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Hornblower* do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the Houſe of Aſſembly have this Day proceeded to Buſineſs, and have choſen the Honourable *Caleb Camp*, Eſquire, their Speaker.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, October 28, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Hornblower* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Stevens*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Fenimore* be a Committee to inſpect the Journals, and to report ſuch Buſineſs as ſtands referred or remains unfiniſhed from the laſt Seſſion.

Maſkell Ewing, jun. Yeſterday elected Clerk of the Houſe, attended, and having taken the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, and alſo an Oath for the faithful Diſcharge of his Office, he took his Seat as Clerk of the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Sparks* be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

Jacob Brookfield, Eſquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Eſſex*, and *John Neilſon*, Eſquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Middleſex*, appeared in the Houſe, and produced the reſpective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon being duly ſworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the Houſe.

Reſolved,

That the Speaker have Power, during the Seſſion, to convene the General Aſſembly, whenever any extraordinary Occaſion ſhall, in his Opinion, render it neceſſary.

Reſolved,

That the Speaker and any two Members be a ſufficient Number to meet and adjourn the Houſe from Day to Day, when neceſſary.

Reſolved,

Reſolved,

That the Yeas and Nays of the Members be entered on every Queſtion taken in the Houſe, when moved for, and the Member moving is followed by one or more.

Reſolved,

That the Yeas and Nays be entered on the Paſſing of every Bill, except where the ſame ſhall be unanimous.

Reſolved,

That when any Motion ſhall be made and ſeconded, the Name of the Perſon moving and ſeconding the ſame, ſhall be entered on the Minutes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 28, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Martin* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly and acquaint them, 'that this Houſe have elected the Honourable *John Stevens*, Eſquire, Vice-'Preſident of the Council, and have this Day proceeded to Buſineſs.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Foſter*, or any three of them, be a Committee for the preſent Seſſion, to join a Committee of the Council on ſuch publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legiſlature; that the ſaid Committee ſettle and report all Accounts, for the Payment of which, when ſettled, Proviſion is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to the Committee of this Houſe appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Carmichael* do wait on the Council, and deſire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this Houſe for the above Purpoſe.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fenimore* reported, that Mr. *Carmichael* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Buck*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Deare*,

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 28, 1779.

'THE Houſe having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage of this Day, from 'the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Carmichael*,

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Tallman* and Mr. *Buck*, or either of them, be a Committee to join 'a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, for the Purpoſe mentioned in the ſaid 'Meſſage, and that Mr. *Deare* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly and acquaint 'them therewith.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Elmer* do wait on the Council, and inform them that this Houſe are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to elect a Governor and other Officers of the State for the enſuing Year, and do propoſe that the Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Friday, October 29, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that Mr. *Elmer* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 28, 1779.

'WHEREAS by a late Publication inserted in the *New-Jersey* Gazette, called '*Hints humbly offered to the Consideration of the Legislature of* New-Jersey *in* 'the future Choice of a Governor, signed *Cincinnatus*, being apparently designed to 'have an undue Influence in the ensuing Election of a Governor of this State, and 'though in an *ironical* Way, fully and clearly implies not only a Slur upon the 'Seminary of Learning in this State, and the President and Tutors thereof, but 'also a tacit Charge against the Legislature of this State as being greatly deficient 'in Point of Integrity, or Ability, and Judgment in the Choice of a Governor, 'and an express Declamation against our excellent Constitution; and also an un-'just, false and cruel Defamation and Aspersion of His Excellency the Governor; 'all which evidently tends to disturb the Peace of the Inhabitants, and promote 'Discord and Confusion in the State, and to encourage those who are disaffected 'to the present Government: And notwithstanding the Freedom of the Press 'ought to be tolerated as far as is consistent with the Good of the People, and 'the Security of the Government established under their Authority, yet good 'Policy, as well as Justice, require that those who write, as well as those who 'speak, any Thing that directly tends to encourage the Enemy and disaffected, 'and to discourage and disquiet the Minds of the good People of this State, ought 'to be detected and brought to such Punishment as may be agreeable to Law and 'Justice; therefore

'*Resolved*,

'That *Isaac Collins* be required immediately to inform the Legislature of this 'State who the Author of the above-said Publication, inserted in the *New-Jersey* 'Gazette, Number 96, under the Signature of *Cincinnatus*, is, and at whose Re-'quest the same was published.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly with the above Resolution, 'and request their Concurrence therein.'

Whitten Cripps and *Anthony Sharp*, Esquires, returned as two of the Members for the County of *Salem*, and *Mark Thompson*, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Sussex*, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election; which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

The House took into Consideration the Message from the Council of Yesterday by Mr. *Tallman*, relative to a certain Piece published in the *New-Jersey* Gazette, Number 96, signed *Cincinnatus*; on the Question, Whether the House concur in the Resolution therein contained? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Elmer*.	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Bunn*,		Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Cano*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Kitchell*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Cook*,		Mr. *Mayhew*,	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Neilson* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Ewing*,

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and report what Business stands referred or remains unfinished, reported as follows:

1. THE Petition of *David Smalley* and *Isaac Moore*, praying a Title to certain Lands by them purchased of *Joseph Morse*, deceased, was referred for further Consideration.

2. A Resolution of Congress of the twenty-second of *June* last, recommending it to the Legislative and Executive Powers in the several States to take the most effectual Measures to prevent plundering the Inhabitants of Places in Possession of the Enemy, was ordered a second Reading.

3. A Resolution of Congress of the twenty-eighth of *June* last, respecting filling up vacant Offices in the Army, was ordered a second Reading.

4. A Resolution of Congress of the twenty-third of *July* last, recommending it to the several Legislatures to make Provision for the Preservation of the Buildings belonging to the United States in their respective Jurisdictions, was ordered a second Reading.

5. A Letter from Monsieur *De la Fleudrie* to Mr. *Holker*, the Consul of *France*, on the Subject of his being taxed in this State; and a Letter from the Sieur *Gerard* to Governor *Livingston*, consequent thereon, with the Governor's Answer thereto; were referred for further Consideration.

6. A Letter from the Board of War to the Clothier-General, respecting Clothing for the Army; and a Letter from the Clothier-General to the Governor, consequent thereon; were ordered a second Reading.

7. The Petition of *George Van-Neste*, *Abraham Van-Neste*, *Jacob Ten-Broek* and *Ryner Staats*, praying a Law to confirm the Last Will and Testament of *Abraham Van-Neste*, Esquire, deceased, was referred to this Session.

8. A Resolution of Congress of the seventeenth of *August*, recommending the further providing for the Officers and Soldiers, and for the Widows of such of them as have fallen, or may fall, in the Defence of their Country; and a Circular Letter from Mr. President *Jay*, enclosing the said Resolve; were ordered a second Reading.

9. A Letter from General *Washington* to the Governor, respecting the Clothing of the Troops, and further Provision for the Officers; and a Resolution of Congress of the tenth of *September*, respecting the Clothing of the Troops; were ordered to be read with Number 6.

10. The Memorial of *William Pennington*, a Lieutenant in Colonel *Lamb*'s Regiment of Artillery, was ordered a second Reading.

11. The Petition of Colonel *John Seward*, praying a Title to certain Lands purchased by him from *Peter Tice*, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, was ordered a second Reading.

12. The Petition of *Edward Amely*, praying a Title to certain Lands by him purchased of *George Howard*, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, was referred to this Session.

13. The Petition of *Jane Demaresl*, praying that the Estate of her Husband, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, may, for certain Reasons, descend to her Children, was referred to this Session.

14. The Petition of the Township of *Wantage*, in the County of *Sussex*, praying Relief from the Burden of Maintaining the Wife and Children of *Solomon Cortwright*, a Fugitive with the Enemy, was referred to this Session.

15. The Petition of the Freeholders and Freemen of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, in the County of *Essex*, praying a Confirmation of the Charter of Incorporation of the said Borough, was referred to this Session.

16. The Petition of *Jasper Smith*, one of the Overseers of the Roads in the Township of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying an Amendment to the Road Act, was referred to this Session.

17. The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Somerſet*, in Favour of *Adam Smith*, was referred to this Seſſion.

18. The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary* Act *to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for clearing and removing the ſeveral Obſtructions in the free Courſe of the Water in* Paſſaick *River*, &c. was referred to this Seſſion.

19. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to maintain and eſtabliſh the Milldam erected by* Charles Suydam *on the North Side of* Raritan *River, near* Raritan *Landing, in the County of* Middleſex; and the Memorial and Remonſtrance againſt the ſaid Bill; were referred to this Seſſion.

20. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for incorporating ſundry Inhabitants of the Weſtern Part of the Townſhip of* Newark, *in the County of* Eſſex, *as Truſtees for the Community, by the Name of The Truſtees of the ſecond* Preſbyterian *Church in* Newark, on being read the ſecond Time, the Debating was poſtponed.

21. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Joſhua Stout, *the Purchaſer of a certain Tract of Land in the County of* Hunterdon, *of* Thomas Leonard, *now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

22. The Petition of *Samuel Crowell*, praying Support for himſelf and *Mary* his Wife out of the Eſtate of *Joſeph Crowell* his Son, who is gone over to the Enemy, was referred to this Seſſion.

23. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent Engroſſing, Monopolizing and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and the common Neceſſaries of Life, in this State*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

24. The Petition of *William Campbell, John Demareſt* and *Jacobus P. Demareſt*, reſpecting the Loſs of a Quantity of Goods taken from them by the Enemy, at the New Bridge near *Hackinſack*, in *May* laſt, was referred to this Seſſion.

25. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge from their Appointment* Samuel Forman, Joſeph Lawrence *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *three of the Commiſſioners appointed for taking Charge of, and ſelling the forfeited Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders in the County of* Monmouth, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

26. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to divorce* Chriſtiana Saunders, *late* Chriſtiana Longſtreet, *from her Huſband* John Saunders, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bunn*, Mr. *Whilden* and Mr. *Cook*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, October 30, 1779.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, October* 29, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting at nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning, at the Houſe of Mrs. *Brittain*.'

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Neilſon* and himſelf had obeyed the Order of the Houſe.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the Joint-Meeting had elected *William Livingſton*, Eſquire, Governor of the State for the Year enſuing, and *John Stevens*, jun. Eſquire, Treaſurer.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

An

An Addreſs and Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, was preſented and read, expreſſing their Approbation of the Act for raiſing *One Million of Pounds* in the State of *New-Jerſey*, and requeſting that the ſame Sum may be raiſed by a ſimilar Law as ſoon as poſſible.

Ordered,

That the ſame be filed for the Inſpection of the Members.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Carmichael* have Leave of Abſence during the next Week, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 1, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Robert Morris, Eſquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Bergen*; *Matthias Baker*, Eſquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Middleſex*; and *Peter Hopkins* and *Anthony Broderick*, Eſquires, returned as two of the Members for the County of *Suſſex*; appeared in the Houſe, and produced the reſpective Certificates of their Election; which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the Houſe.

A Petition from *David Van-Buſſe*, a Lieutenant, and *John Van-Buſſe*, a Private in the Militia of the County of *Bergen*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that they were taken Priſoners on the thirteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven, and detained in Captivity for a conſiderable Time; and requeſting that they may be allowed Pay during the Time of their Captivity.

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the twenty-ſecond of *June* laſt, recommending to the Legiſlative and Executive Powers in the ſeveral States to take the moſt effectual Meaſures to prevent plundering the Inhabitants of Places in Poſſeſſion of the Enemy, was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the twenty-eighth of *June* laſt, reſpecting filling up vacant Offices in the Army, was read the ſecond Time, and referred for further Conſideration.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the twenty-third of *July* laſt, recommending to the ſeveral Legiſlatures to make Proviſion for the Preſervation of the Buildings belonging to, and Lands occupied for, the Service of the United States within their reſpective Juriſdictions, was read;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Reſolution be publiſhed in each of the publick News-Papers in this State four Weeks ſucceſſively, with an Advertiſement, giving Notice to all Perſons having the Charge of ſuch Buildings and Lots of Land, to repreſent the State of the ſame, in order that a Law may be enacted agreeably to the Tenor of ſaid Reſolution; and that all Perſons having Objections againſt ſuch a Law do ſtate the ſame to the Legiſlature within the firſt Week of their next Sitting.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The Letter from Monſieur *De la Fleudrie* to Mr. *Holker*, the Conſul of *France*, on the Subject of his being taxed in this State; and the Letter from the Sieur

Gerard

Gerard to Governor *Livingſton*, conſequent thereon, with the Governor's Anſwer thereto; were read;

Reſolved,

That the Collector of the Townſhip of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Cumberland*, be directed to re-pay to the Chevalier *De la Fleudrie* the Sum of *Ninety Dollars*, being the Amount of the Tax collected from him in Virtue of an Act, intitled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thouſand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof;* and of one other Act, intitled, *An Act to raiſe the Sum of* One Million of Pounds *in the State of New-Jerſey;* and that the Receipt of the ſaid Monſieur *De la Fleudrie* be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the ſaid Collector, and to the Collector of the County of *Cumberland*, in paying forward to the Treaſurer the Amount of the Taxes of ſaid County, for ſo much of the publick Money.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Morris* do wait on the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſeventeenth of *Auguſt*, recommending further Proviſion for the Officers and Soldiers of the Army, and for the Widows of ſuch of them as have fallen, or may fall, in the Defence of their Country; and a Circular Letter from Mr. Preſident *Jay*, encloſing the ſaid Reſolution: And likewiſe

The Memorial of *William Pennington*, a Lieutenant in Colonel *Lamb*'s Regiment of Artillery, ſetting forth, that he has been refuſed the Priviledge of drawing Cloathing from the Continental Store, being conſidered as an Inhabitant of the State of *New-Jerſey*, &c. and praying Relief; were read;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Van-Cleve*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Broderick* and Mr. *Mott*, with ſuch other Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the above Reſolution and Memorial; and that Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Sexton* do wait on the Council, and requeſt them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, November 2, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Brookfield* reported, that Mr. *Morris* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Sexton* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Buck*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Thomſon Stelle, Eſquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Middleſex*, appeared in the Houſe, and produced the Certificate of his Election; which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the Houſe.

A Petition of Captain *William Gifford*, of the third *Jerſey* Regiment, was preſented and read, praying, for certain Reaſons therein ſet forth, that a Law may be enacted to divorce him from *Elizabeth* his Wife.

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Colonel *John Seward*, praying a Title to certain Lands, purchaſed by him from *Peter Tice*, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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The Petition of the Freeholders and Freemen of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, in the County of *Eſſex*, praying a Confirmation of the Charter of Incorporation of the ſaid Borough, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary* Act *to the Act for clearing and removing the ſeveral Obſtructions to the free Courſe of the Water in* Paſſaick *River*, &c. was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to maintain and eſtabliſh the Milldam erected by* Charles Suydam *on the North Side of* Raritan *River, near* Raritan *Landing, in the County of* Middleſex; and the Memorial and Remonſtrance againſt the ſaid Bill; were read;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners for and againſt the ſaid Bill be heard by Council or otherwiſe, with their Evidence, on *Tueſday* the ſixteenth Day of this Inſtant, *November*; and that Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Vandyke* be requeſted to acquaint them with this Order.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*, as follows:

'*Council-Chamber*, *November* 2, 1779.

'THE Houſe having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of Yeſterday, by Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Morris*, relative to the Repayment to the Chevalier *De la Fleudrie* the Sum of *Ninety Dollars*, being the Amount of a Tax collected from him in Virtue of certain Laws of this State,

'*Reſolved*,

'That this Houſe concur in the Reſolution contained in the ſaid Meſſage.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 2, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Holmes*, with ſuch other Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee of the Council to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſeventeenth of *Auguſt* laſt, recommending the further providing for the Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows of ſuch of them as have fallen, or may fall, in the Defence of their Country, and of the Memorial of *William Pennington*; that the ſaid Committees meet at the Houſe of Mrs. *Brittain* at three o'Clock this Afternoon; and that Mr. *Condict* acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.'

A Petition of *Joſeph King*, of the County of *Morris*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he had agreed with *Thomas Millage* for a Right to locate Lands in Eaſt *Jerſey*; and that the ſaid *Thomas Millage* did ſurvey for him a Tract of unlocated Land in the Townſhip of *Mendham*, in the County of *Morris*, and cauſed a Deſcription thereof to be entered on the Records of the Proprietors in Eaſt *Jerſey* on the twenty-ſixth Day of *April*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix; and that the ſaid *Millage* has ſince joined the Enemy, and never made him a Deed according to Agreement; and praying a Law to veſt him with a Title for ſaid Land, on paying the Balance due to the ſaid *Thomas Millage*.

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference have Leave to withdraw; and then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, *November* 3, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have expired since the last Sitting, or are near expiring, reported,

THAT the supplementary Act to the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating Roads and Bridges*, will expire at the End of this Sitting.

2. The Act to continue an Act, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jersey, *and to revive the Supplement thereto*, will expire at the End of this Sitting.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sexton*, Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Wilson*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating Roads and Bridges*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Sexton*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of this State.

The Petition of *William Gifford*, praying, for certain Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be enacted to divorce him from his Wife, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the Confession of *Elizabeth Gifford*, late *Elizabeth Smith*, that she had not cohabited with her Husband, Captain *William Gifford*, since about a Week after their Marriage; and that she hath since that Time had a Child, of which her said Husband is not the Father; made before the House of Assembly in their last Session, shall be received as Evidence in this House on one or more of the Members then present making Oath that she did make such Confession in the late House? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, *videlicet*,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Wilson*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Foster*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Elmer*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Gano*,		Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Thompson*.

Whereupon *James Ewing* and *Hendrick Smock*, Esquires, who were Members of the last House of Assembly, being duly sworn, did depose, That *Elizabeth Gifford*, late *Elizabeth Smith*, did confess before the last House of Assembly that she had not cohabited with her Husband, Captain *William Gifford*, since about a Week after their Marriage; and that she hath since that Time had a Child, of which her said Husband is not the Father.

Ordered,

That the said *William Gifford* do attend this House with his Witnesses on *Friday* the twelfth Instant, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that he serve *Elizabeth* his Wife with a Copy of this Order, and also of his Petition presented to the House, at least four Days before the Day aforesaid.

A Petition from Four Hundred and Forty-one Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, requesting that the Legislature would send a Remonstrance to Congress, setting forth, in the warmest Terms, the Injustice of permitting any State to assume a Right of disposing of vacant and unappropriated Lands, commonly called Crown Lands, for its own private Emolument; and urging the Propriety of opening an Office for the Sale of such Lands for the general Benefit of the United States; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Jasper Smith*, one of the Overseers of the Roads in the Township of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying an Amendment to the Road Act, was read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in the Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Biddle* have Leave of Abſence till *Friday* Evening next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned to four o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Morris*, in Favour of *Elizabeth Horton*, Widow of Doctor *Jonathan Horton*, late an Aſſiſtant-Surgeon in the General Hoſpital of the United States, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered,

That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Elizabeth Horton* for the Sum of *Twenty-five Dollars* per Month, being the Amount of the Half-pay of her late Huſband, during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, in Favour of *Rachel Neviers*, the Widow of *John Neviers*, late a Soldier in Colonel *Wind*'s Regiment of this State, in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered,

That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Rachel Neviers* for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, being the Amount of the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of an Allowance, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Cumberland*, in Favour of *Thomas Harris*, a wounded Soldier in Colonel *Potter*'s Regiment of the Militia of this State, in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered,

That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Thomas Harris* for the monthly Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings*, during his Diſability.

A Certificate of an Allowance, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Cumberland*, in Favour of *Reuben Newcomb*, a diſabled Soldier, late of Colonel *Potter*'s Regiment of the Militia of this State, in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered,

That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Reuben Newcomb* for the monthly Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings*, during his Diſability.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 4, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of a Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſeventeenth of *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and of the Memorial of *William Pennington*, an Officer in Colonel *Lamb*'s Regiment of Artillery, reported as follows:

1ſt. THAT it is the Opinion of the Conferees, that it is improper for the Legiſlature of this State, in its ſeparate or State Capacity, to undertake a Compliance with the Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſeventeenth of *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, for making further Proviſion for the Officers and Soldiers enliſted for the War in this State who ſhall continue in Service till the Eſtabliſhment of Peace.

2d. That whatever Proviſion may be neceſſary and proper, ought to be made by Congreſs; and that they be requeſted to deviſe ſome general Mode for making Compenſation

Compenſation to the Officers and Soldiers of the Army for the Damages they have ſuſtained by the Depreciation of the Continental Currency, and thereby to fulfil the original Contract with them.

3d. That the Legiſlature of this State will chearfully carry into Execution any Proviſion which Congreſs may make for the Widows of ſuch Officers and Soldiers as have loſt, or may loſe, their Lives in the Service, when the Amount of ſuch Proviſion is aſcertained, and a Fund provided by Congreſs for the Payment thereof.

4th. That the Difficulties attending the divided Mode of ſupplying the Army lately recommended by Congreſs, which are ſtrikingly exemplified in the Memorial of *William Pennington*, an Officer in Colonel *Lamb's* Regiment of Artillery, be urged to Congreſs as Reaſons ſtrongly operating againſt a Perſeverance in that unequal and very exceptionable Mode of Proviſion.

5th. That a Repreſentation be tranſmitted to Congreſs on theſe Subjects, and which may alſo, in the moſt pointed and explicit Manner, expreſs the Diſapprobation of the Legiſlature of this State to the Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay for the Officers during Life, or to any military Eſtabliſhment whatſoever in Time of Peace.

By Order of the Conferees, THEUNIS DEY, ROBERT MORRIS.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Mott*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to draw up a Repreſentation to Congreſs agreeably to the ſaid Report; and that Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Low* do wait upon the Council and requeſt them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Glouceſter*, was preſented and read, praying that the Law paſſed ſome Time ſince, making Continental Currency a lawful Tender, may be repealed;

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Bunn* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 3, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Martin* and Mr. *Deare*, and ſuch other Members as 'chooſe to attend, be a Committee of the Council to join a Committee of the 'Houſe of Aſſembly in a free Conference, to conſult what further Meaſures ſhall 'be taken to enforce the Repreſentation of the late Council and Aſſembly of this 'State to Congreſs, for regulating Prices, *&c.* and to deviſe Ways and Means to 'prevent the further Depreciation of the Continental Currency; that the ſaid 'Committees meet at the Houſe of Mrs. *Brittain* To-morrow, at three o'Clock in 'the Afternoon; and that Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly and 'requeſt them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe.'

A Petition from *Iſrael Morris*, jun. and *Samuel Hugg*, Aſſiſtant-Commiſſaries of Purchaſes for the Army, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that they are called upon for very conſiderable Supplies of Proviſions for the Uſe of the Continental Army, but that their Endeavours for that Purpoſe are obſtructed or defeated by the pernicious Practices of Speculators, Foreſtallers and Engroſſers; and praying that a Law may be enacted by the Legiſlature to prevent ſuch Practices;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſhua Stout, *the Purchaſer of a certain Tract of Land in the County of* Hunterdon, *of* Thomas Leonard, *now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon. The

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 4, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Cooper*, or either of them, be a Committee to join 'a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly to draw up a Repreſentation to 'Congreſs, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Conference appointed on '*Tueſday* laſt; and that Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and ac-'quaint them therewith.'

The Petition of *George Van-Neſte*, *Abraham Van-Neſte*, *Jacob Ten-Broek* and *Rynear Staats*, praying a Law to confirm the Laſt Will and Teſtament of *Abraham Van-Neſte*, Eſquire, deceaſed, was read;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners be heard, with their Evidences, on *Thurſday* the eighteenth Day of *November* Inſtant.

The Petition of *Samuel Crowell*, praying Support for himſelf and *Mary* his Wife out of the Eſtate of *Joſeph Crowell* his Son, who is gone over to the Enemy, was read; whereupon

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Sparks* and Mr. *Neilſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a ſupplementary Act to the Act, intitled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and veſting in, the State of* New-Jerſey, *the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders*, &c.

The Warrants entitling *Thomas Harris*, *Reuben Newcomb*, and the Widows of Doctor *Jonathan Horton* and *John Neviers*, to Half-pay, were read, approved, and ordered to be ſigned;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foſter* and Mr. *Vandyke* do carry the ſaid Warrants to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 5, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Foſter* reported, that Mr. *Vandyke* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Deare*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Meſſage from the Governor was read, ſetting forth, that the laſt Legiſlature by Reſolution allowed the Governor or Commander in Chief to call out two Light-horſemen to carry his Diſpatches, and to attend him until the firſt Day of *November* Inſtant; that the Time limited being expired he had diſmiſſed the Men, but that there at preſent appeared to be equal, if not greater Neceſſity for ſuch Expreſſes; and recommending to the Houſe to make the like Proviſion for ſuch Time as they ſhall ſee meet; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe will go into a Reſolution, authorizing the Governor to call out any Light-horſemen in the Manner and for the Purpoſe ſpecified in the ſaid Meſſage? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Hornbrooker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Elmer*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Steele*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Sharp*.
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,		

On the Queſtion, Whether the Governor ſhall be authorized to call out two Light-horſemen? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Elmer*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Fithian*.

Reſolved,

That the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being be authorized and empowered to call into actual Service, as often as Occaſion may require, until the tenth Day of the next Sitting of the Legiſlature, two Light-horſemen from any Company in this State to carry Diſpatches of a publick and urgent Nature, and not to be continued in Service more than a Month at any one Time; who, while ſo employed, ſhall be entitled to receive the Sum of *Sixteen Dollars* by the Day, in Lieu of Bounty and Pay, to be paid by any of the Paymaſters of the Militia of this State, on Certificates from the Governor or Commander in Chief, ſpecifying the Time they may have reſpectively attended in ſuch Service; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Reſolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sharp*.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Elmer*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Broderick* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Petition of the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, praying, for Reaſons therein ſet forth, that a Law may be enacted authorizing the Commiſſioners of the ſaid Office to open the ſame before the Time appointed by Law, and granting them additional Fees proportionate to their Services;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Brookfield*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Neilſon* have Leave of Abſence till *Wedneſday* Evening next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Gano* have Leave of Abſence till *Friday* next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Mr. *Mayhew* reported, that Mr. *Broderick* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thompſon* have Leave of Abſence till *Monday* the fifteenth Inſtant, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned to meet at *Mountholly* on *Monday* next at three of the Clock Afternoon.

Monday,

Mountholly. Monday, November 8, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Council-Chamber, November* 5, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message of the House of Assembly of this Morning, by Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Broderick*, authorizing the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being to call into Service two Light-horsemen to carry Dispatches of a publick and urgent Nature, *&c.*

'*Resolved*,

'That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message; and that Mr. *Buck* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Hornblower*, Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Fithian*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer; and that Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

Whereas it is necessary that *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, Clothier of this State, should be immediately furnished with a farther Sum of Money to enable him to fulfil the Purposes of his Appointment;

Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said *Enos Kelsey*, for that Purpose, the Sum of *Fifty Thousand Pounds* out of any publick Monies which may be in his Hands, for which the said *Enos Kelsey* is to be accountable; and that the Receipt of the said *Enos Kelsey* shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for so much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 9, 1779.

The House met.

Roeloff Sebring, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Somerset*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election; which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

A Letter from His Excellency *George Clinton*, Esquire, Governor of the State of *New-York*, of the twenty-fifth of *October* last, enclosing a Letter to him from the President of the General Assembly of *Massachusetts-Bay*, of the thirteenth of *October* last, respecting a Regulation of Prices, and desiring a Consultation between the States of *Massachusetts-Bay*, *New-Hampshire*, *Rhode-Island*, *Connecticut* and *New-York*, on that Subject, by Agents appointed by each of the said States for that Purpose, together with the Proceedings of the Senate and Assembly of the State of *New-York* relative thereto; and also the Proceedings of the Senate and Assembly of the State of *New-York*, respecting the Circular Letter sent them from the Legislature of this State at their last Sitting on the same Subject, and Resolutions authorizing their

Delegates,

Delegates, either separately or in Conjunction with the Delegates of the other States, to press Congress earnestly to recommend a general Regulation and Limitation of Prices throughout the United States; was read, and ordered to be filed for the Perusal of the Members.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer of this State be directed to pay to *William Hough*, Esquire, Paymaster of the Militia for the Counties of *Monmouth* and *Burlington*, out of any publick Money in his Hands, the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, for which the said *William Hough* is to be accountable; and whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer for the same in the Settlement of his Accounts;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Sharp* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*,

'*Council-Chamber*, *November* 9, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, by Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Hopkins*, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to *Enos Kelsey Fifty Thousand Pounds*;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

Mr. *Cook* reported, that Mr. *Sharp* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Two Resolutions of Congress of the sixth and seventh of *October* last were laid before the House by the Speaker, recommending to the several States to raise their respective Quotas of *Fifteen Million of Dollars*, to be paid into the Continental Treasury, or to the Order of Congress, monthly, from the first Day of *February* next to the first Day of *October* ensuing; whereupon

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Brookfield*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Sparks*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Whilden*, Mr. *Sexton*, Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Broderick*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Tax Bill.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 9, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare*, Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Ogden*, or any one of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer; and that Mr. *Buck* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engrossing, Monopolizing and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture, and the common Necessaries of Life in this State*, was read, and committed to Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Stelle*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *November* 9, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Sharp*, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to *William Hough*, Esquire, *Ten Thousand Pounds*;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

'*Ordered*,

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

A Petition from *Peter Appleman*, of the Township of *Oxford*, in the County of *Sussex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in and for the County of *Sussex*, in *September* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, he was indicted and fined in the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds* for a Misdemeanor in going over to the Enemy; and that, notwithstanding he had satisfied the said Judgment, both his Real and Personal Estate had been since seized and sold by the Commissioners of the said County; and praying Relief;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner be referred for Redress to the Courts of Law.

Isaac Blanch, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Bergen*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election; which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

The Petition of *William Campbell*, *John P. Demaresl* and *Jacobus P. Demaresl*, setting forth, that in *May* last as they were about to pass the New Bridge near *Hackinsack* with their Teams, laden with their most valuable Effects, the said Bridge was taken up by Order of Captain *Dixon* of the *North-Carolina* Brigade, by which Means their Teams and Effects fell into the Hands of the Enemy, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* have Leave of Absence till *Saturday* Morning next, on special Business.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 10, 1779.

The House met.

The Representation and Petition of *John Summeral*, *Aaron Biddle* and *William Biddle*, of the County of *Salem*, was presented and read, setting forth, that *William Miller*, Esquire, of said County, while vested with a Commission of the Peace, was guilty of carrying Provisions to the Enemies of the United States; and was likewise fined by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for said County in *December* last, for speaking certain seditious Words against the Peace of the State; notwithstanding which he continues to act in his said Office, and praying he may be discharged;

Resolved,

That this House will go into the Examination of the Truth of the Charges therein exhibited, on the twenty-fifth Day of *November* Instant.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to introduce the Evidences in Support of the Charges exhibited in their Petition, on the twenty-fifth Day of *November* Instant.

Ordered,

That *Elisha Boudinot*, Esquire, Clerk of the Circuits, be, and he hereby is required to transmit to this House, on or before the twenty-fifth Day of *November* Instant, an authentic Copy of the Proceedings of the Court of the County of *Salem* of last *December*, in the Case The State

v.

William Miller, &c.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*, that *Aaron Biddle* be directed to ſerve the ſaid *William Miller* with a Copy of the above Order, and that he have Liberty to attend the Examination; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Elmer*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Aaron Biddle*, one of the Petitioners, be directed to ſerve the ſaid *William Miller* with a Copy of the above Order, and of the Petition exhibited againſt him; and that the ſaid *William Miller* have Liberty to attend the Examination.

A Petition of *William Hough*, Eſquire, was preſented and read, requeſting that Lieutenant-Colonel *Simco* may be exchanged for no other Perſon than Lieutenant-Colonel *Reynolds* of the Militia of the County of *Burlington*;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Governor and Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge from their Appointment* Samuel Forman, Joſeph Lawrence *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *three of the Commiſſioners appointed for taking Charge of and ſelling the forfeited Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, in the County of* Monmouth, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till two o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Thomas Rennard, Eſquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Glouceſter*, appeared in the Houſe, and produced the Certificate of his Election; which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Hopkins*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for the Support of Government, to commence the thirteenth Day of *October* laſt, and to end the thirteenth of *October*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the South Ward of *New-Brunſwick*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the Advantages derived from draining a large Body of Marſh, Swamp, and low Lands within the ſaid Ward; and praying that a Law may be enacted to oblige the Proprietors of the adjoining Soil to ſupport and maintain the Ditch for draining the ſame, by a Tax to be levied on the Owners, in Proportion to their reſpective Shares of the ſaid Marſh;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to preſent a Bill at the next Sitting, on adverti-ſing the ſame at leaſt four Weeks previous thereto in the *New-Jerſey* Gazette, and in three of the moſt publick Places in the ſaid Ward, together with a Copy of this Order.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to divorce* Chriſtiana Saunders, *late* Longſtreet, *from her Husband*, John Saunders, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent Treſpaſſing with Guns*, was read, and committed to Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Foſter*.

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The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for amending and eſtabliſhing the Charter of the College of* New-Jerſey, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Afternoon two of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 11, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating Roads and Bridges;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to divorce* Chriſtiana Saunders, *late* Longſtreet, *from her Huſband*, John Saunders, was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sparks*, that the Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed until *John Hagan* be ſent for to prove the Marriage of *John Saunders* with another Woman, and his Evidence taken before the Houſe; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Rennard*.	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Elmer*,
	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 12, 1779.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to divorce* Chriſtiana Saunders, *late* Longſtreet, *from her Huſband*, John Saunders, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Rennard*.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Elmer*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Seabrook* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Biddle*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary* Act *to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent Treſpaſſing with Guns*, reported the ſame with ſundry Amendments; which were read;

Ordered,

That the Debating thereof be poſtponed.

Whereas the Buſineſs of this Houſe hath been often retarded by having but one Clerk,

Clerk, no one Perſon being ſufficient to keep up the Minutes, engroſs the Bills, and bring forward the various Parts of the Buſineſs in Seaſon;

Reſolved,

That this Houſe will go into the Choice of another Clerk.

Agreeably to the ſaid Reſolution the Houſe proceeded to the Choice of another Clerk, when *Belcher-Peartree Smith* was unanimouſly choſen.

Belcher P. Smith attended, and having taken the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, and alſo an Oath for the faithful Diſcharge of his Office, took his Place as an additional Clerk.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 12, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *granting unto* Henry Gueſt, *for a limited Time, the ſole Right of making and ſelling the Blubber by him lately invented*; and alſo the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering certain Parts of the main Road, leading from* Salem *to* Burlington, *in the County of* Glouceſter; to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Bills.'

Which Bills were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Sebring* reported, that Mr. *Seabrook* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day Captain *William Gifford* attended with his Witneſſes in Support of his Petition for a Divorce, and *Elizabeth Gifford*, Wife of the ſaid Captain *Gifford*, being preſent, the Houſe went into the Examination of Mrs. *Elizabeth Roſs*, which being cloſed,

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Examination of Witneſſes in the Caſe of Captain *Gifford*, and having taken the Evidence of *Peter Shiras* and *Aaron Brian*,

Ordered,

That the further Examination of Witneſſes on this Subject be poſtponed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cook* have Leave of Abſence, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* have Leave of Abſence until *Wedneſday* next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 13, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That *Iſrael Morris*, now attending in this Town, be admitted to be heard on the Subject of the Petition lately preſented to the Houſe by *Samuel Hugg* and himſelf.

Mr. *Morris* accordingly attended, and being heard, withdrew.

The Houſe reſumed the Examination of the Witneſſes in the Caſe of Captain *Gifford*, and having taken the Depoſitions of *Joſeph Reed*, Eſquire, and Major *John Roſs*, and no further Evidence being offered, proceeded to take the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid *William Gifford* have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition? Which was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Blanck*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Foſter*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Elmer*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Ewing*.
	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait on the Council with a Copy of the Liſt of Nomination of State and County Officers, and requeſt a reciprocal Exchange; and that they will meet this Houſe in Joint-Meeting on *Monday* next, at three of the Clock Afternoon, at the Friends Meeting-houſe.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Glouceſter* and *Salem*, was preſented and read, praying, for certain Reaſons therein ſet forth, that no Law may be paſſed for ſtopping *Oldman*'s Creek;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foſter* have Leave of Abſence during the next Week, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rennard* have Leave of Abſence till *Tueſday* next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 15, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Dey*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Petition of ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that the Place appointed by Law for the Meetings of the Juſtices and Freeholders of ſaid County is *Trenton*, ſituated at the Extremity of the County, and for that Reaſon inconvenient for the Inhabitants; and praying that a Law may be enacted for altering the ſame, and for enabling the Juſtices and Freeholders to hold their Meetings in future at the Tavern commonly known by the Name of *Ringo*'s Tavern, in *Amwell*;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Gano* be a Committee to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for altering certain Parts of the main Road, leading through the County of* Glouceſter, *from* Salem *to* Burlington, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 15, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly with the Copy of the Liſt in Nomination of State and County Officers, and acquaint them that this Houſe will meet the Houſe of Aſſembly in Joint-Meeting on *Wedneſday* Afternoon at three o'Clock, at the Friends Meeting-houſe.'

Mr. *Wilſon*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, preſented a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſſolve the Marriage of* William Gifford *with* Elizabeth *his Wife;* which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of the Paſtor, ruling Elders and Deacons, and of the Congregation of *Seventh-day Baptiſts*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth their Scruples of Conſcience with Regard to taking an Oath; and praying that a Law may be paſſed to grant them the Liberty of taking an Affirmation inſtead thereof; and likewiſe a Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of other Parts of this State on the ſame Subject; whereupon Mr. *Ewing*, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for Relief of Perſons conſcientiouſly ſcrupulous of taking an Oath;* which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for incorporating ſundry of the Inhabitants of the Weſtern Part of the Townſhip of* Newark, *in the County of* Eſſex, *as Truſtees for the Community, by the Name of The Truſtees of the Second* Preſbyterian *Church in* Newark, was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing proper Perſons in the ſeveral Counties in this State for appraiſing and aſcertaining the Value of the Damages ſuffered by the Inhabitants of the ſame from the Ravages of the *Britiſh* Troops, and from the Waſte committed by the Army of the United States, or the Militia of this or any of the neighbouring States; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve*, Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Neilſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sharp* have Leave of Abſence till To-morrow Noon, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* have Leave of Abſence, on Account of Indiſpoſition.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Seabrook* have Leave of Abſence till *Saturday* Morning next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the twelfth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty; and to diſcharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof;* which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickſon*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 15, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Sinnickſon* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadow lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and* Wright's *Landing, bounding on* Salem *Creek, in the County of* Salem, *to erect and keep in Repair*

'*the*

'*the Dams, Banks, Sluices, and other Water-Works, to open and keep clear the ne-*
'*ceſſary Water-Courſes, and to make ſuch Line-Ditches as are therein deſcribed law-*
'*ful Fences*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition from the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Bergen*, was preſented and read, praying, for certain Reaſons therein ſet forth, that the County Courts may be removed from the Houſe of *Peter-Hendrick Van-Allen* at *Pompton*, to the Houſe of *Albert Hopper* at *Paramus*, near *John Hopper*'s Mill;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Blanch* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for that Purpoſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, November 16, 1779.

The Houſe met.

A Memorial from the Chief-Juſtice, and other Juſtices of the Supreme Court of this State, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the great Difficulties attending the holding of the ſaid Courts in two different Places of the State; and praying that a Law may be paſſed for fixing the ſaid Court at ſome one proper Place during the War; and likewiſe a Petition from the Gentlemen of the Bar, on the ſame Subject; whereupon,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Gano*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for that Purpoſe.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Salem*, in Favour of *Eſther Couch*, Widow of *John Couch*, deceaſed, late a Private in Captain *William Smith*'s Company of Colonel *Benjamin Holmes*'s Regiment of Militia, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered,

That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Eſther Couch* for the monthly Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings*, being the Amount of her Huſband's Half-pay, during her Widowhood.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Monopolizing, Engroſſing and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Trade within this State*, reported the ſame with ſundry Amendments; which were read;

Ordered,

That the Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Petition of the Freeholders and Freemen of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, praying a Confirmation of the Charter of Incorporation of ſaid Borough, was read; on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Neilſon*.	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
	Mr. *Vandyke*,		

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The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 16, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Buck* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to divorce* Chriſtiana Saunders, *late* Longſtreet, *from her Husband*, John Saunders, is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

Agreeably to the Order of the Day *Charles Suydam* attended with his Witneſſes in Support of his Petition for a Law to eſtabliſh his Milldam on *Raritan*, and the Petitioners againſt the ſaid Law likewiſe attending with their Evidences, the Houſe went into the Examination of *Henry Van-Middleſworth*, Eſquire, and having gone through the ſame,

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, November 17, 1779.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Examination of Witneſſes for and againſt the Eſtabliſhment of the Milldam near *Raritan* Landing, and having taken the Depoſitions of *Richard Middagh*, *Fulkard Tuniſſon*, *John Dennes*, *William Horn* and *Albert Voorhees*, and no further Evidence being offered, the Examination was cloſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 17, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſuppreſs the growing Evils of Horſeracing and Foxhunting*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Baker* do wait on the Council, and inform them that this Houſe will meet them in Joint-Meeting immediately, agreeably to their Meſſage of the fifteenth Inſtant.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker reported, that *William-Churchill Houſton*, *John Fell* and *Thomas Henderſon*, Eſquires, were duly elected by the Joint-Meeting to repreſent this State in the Congreſs of the United States for the Term of one Year, from the firſt Day of *December* next, unleſs ſooner ſuperſeded by the Joint-Meeting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 18, 1779.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 17, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Buck* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe concurs in the Warrants entitling *Thomas Harris*, *Reuben Newcomb*, and the Widow of *John Neviers*, to draw Half-pay from the Treaſury, and do not concur in the Warrant entitling the Widow of Doctor *Jonathan Horton* to draw Half-pay.'

Mr. *Kitchel*,

Mr. *Kitchel*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jerſey; which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſſolve the Marriage of* William Gifford, *with* Elizabeth *his Wife*, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Houſe went into the Examination of the Witneſſes in Support of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of *Abraham Van-Neſſe*, Eſquire, deceaſed, and having taken the Depoſitions and Evidences of *Elias Van-Court* and *Matthias Ten-Eyck*, and no further Evidence being offered, the Examination was cloſed.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition of *George Van-Neſſe* and others, praying a Law to confirm the Laſt Will and Teſtament of *Abraham Van-Neſſe*, Eſquire, deceaſed, and the Evidences offered in Support of the ſame; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, a Motion was made by Mr. *Sebring*, ſeconded by Mr. *Kitchel*, that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition at the next Sitting of the Aſſemby, on Condition that they give Notice to the Heir at Law, the Guardian and Parties concerned, at leaſt one Month before the Convening of the Houſe; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
		Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
		Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſſolve the Marriage of* William Gifford, *with* Elizabeth *his Wife*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Ewing*.
Mr. *Stelle*.	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Rennard* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *November* 18, 1779.

'WHEREAS, on the third Day of *November* Inſtant, this Houſe did by 'Meſſage requeſt the Houſe of Aſſembly to appoint a Committee to join a 'Committee of this Houſe in a free Conference on the Subject of conſulting what

'further Measures should be taken to enforce the Representation of the late Council and Assembly of this State to Congress, for regulating Prices, &c. and to 'prevent Monopolizing and Engrossing the Necessaries of Life, and to devise 'Ways and Means to prevent the further Depreciation of the Continental Currency; and it being a Matter of such Importance to this State, and the Union 'in general, that this House conceive it ought not to be delayed;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Dey* do wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to acquaint 'this House whether they intend to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Rennard* do wait on the Council, and inform them that this House do not at present deem it necessary to appoint a Committee for the Purposes expressed in the Message of Council of the third Instant, and that there is a Bill at this Time depending before this House to prevent Monopolizing and Engrossing.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 19, 1779.

The House met.

The Petition of *Edward Annely*, praying a Title to certain Lands by him purchased of *George Howard*, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, was read;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that Mr. *Rennard* and himself had delivered the two Messages, and the Bill with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The Petition of *Theunis Van-Derveer*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had been lately served with a Writ at the Suit of *Elizabeth Van-Cleve*, Widow of *John Van-Cleve*, deceased, for the Recovery of her Dower in a Plantation, which he the said Petitioner bought of the Commissioners for the Sale of forfeited Estates in the County of *Monmouth*; and praying that, in Lieu of her Dower, the Commissioners of the County aforesaid may be directed to make the Widow such Compensation in Money as, upon a proper Valuation thereof, she may be entitled to; or that the Legislature would adopt such other Mode for the Relief of the said Petitioner as in their Wisdom may be thought adequate; on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted? It passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for striking* One Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, and directing the Mode for sinking the same*, passed the eleventh Day of *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four; which Bill was read;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engrossing, Monopolizing, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Trade*; and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Stelle*.

A Petition of *Johannes Benson*, was presented and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm to him, his Heirs and Assigns, the Southern Moiety of the Farm or Plantation late the Property of *Cornelius Leydecker*, deceased, which he had

had purchased of the said *Cornelius Leydecker* in his Lifetime, but never had obtained a Deed for the same.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*, that the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting of the Legislature, giving Notice to the Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of *Bergen*, and also to the Relations of the said *Cornelius Leydecker*, deceased, not within the Enemy's Lines, at least one Month before the Meeting of the Legislature, that they may make their Objections, if any they have, to the Passing the said Bill; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It passed in the Negative.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 19, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act for raising the Fines and Fees of Constables*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Saturday, November 20, 1779.

The House met.

Moore Furman, Esquire, Deputy-Quartermaster-General for this State, attending in Town, and desiring to communicate Information to the House relative to the Difficulties he meets with in executing the Business of his Department,

Ordered,

That he be admitted to be heard by the House on that Subject.

Moore Furman, Esquire, accordingly attended, and, being heard, withdrew.

Agreeably to Leave given, Mr. *Sparks*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented a Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow, Marsh, Swamp and Cripple, lying on both Sides of* Oldman's *Creek, and the Branches in the Counties of* Gloucester *and* Salem, *to erect, cast up, and maintain a Dam, Banks and Water-Works, sufficient to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same*; which was read; whereupon the Petitions for and against the said Bill were read the second Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Foster*, seconded by Mr. *Sparks*, that the Parties be heard with their Evidences for and against the said Bill; which was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Maybew*,	Mr. *Fitbian*,
Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	
Mr. *Rennard*.	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Guno*,	

On the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a second Time? It passed in the Negative.

The House took into Consideration the Sum necessary to be raised for the Expences of the current Year; whereupon,

Resolved,

That the Sum of *Nine Million of Dollars* be raised by the first of *October* next; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows: Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Blanck*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	voted for 10,000,000 Dollars.
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foster*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	who voted for 12,000,000.
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
		Mr. *Cook*,	who voted for 14,000,000.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Sexton* have Leave of Absence till *Wednesday* Morning next, on special Business.

Mr. *Cook* returned, and took his Place in the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sparks* and Mr. *Low* have Leave of Absence until *Wednesday* Morning next, on special Business. The

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DR. *JOHN STEVENS*, jun. Treasurer, to the STATE of *NEW*—

To Cash received on Account of said Tax from the Collector of the several Counties of

	£.	s.	d.	
Somerset,	233	5	2	
Gloucester,	5214	16	6	
Monmouth,	6281	5	10	
Hunterdon,	663	15	0	
Bergen,	4301	19	7	
Cumberland,	73	5	2	
Essex,	7637	6	7	
Middlesex,	3056	6	9	
Salem,	829	7	3	
Morris,	379	5	11	
Burlington,	3945	7	6	
Sussex,	5689	16	3	
				£. 38305 17 6
				£. 38305 17 6

DR. *JOHN STEVENS*, jun. Treasurer, to the STATE of *NEW*—

To Deficiencies for the Year 1775, *viz.*

	£.	s.	d.	
Essex,	115	2	5½	
Somerset,	188	0	7	
Middlesex,	305	6	0	
Monmouth,	374	4	0	
Gloucester,	155	5	3	
				£. 1137 18 3½
				£. 1137 18 3½

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 22, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engrossing, Forestalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture, and the Necessaries of Life within this State*, reported the same with sundry Amendments; which were read;

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Mr. *Neilson*, from the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer of this State, reported a State of the same, contained in five Sheets of Paper, as follows:

JERSEY, in Account of Tax, payable the first of *August*, 1778. Cr.

Balance carried to Account current, - - - £. 38305 17 6

— — — — £. 38305 17 6

Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee, ROBERT OGDEN, JOHN NEILSON.

JERSEY, in Account of Support of Government Tax. Cr.

By Deficiencies for the Year 1775, not yet paid in, *viz.*

Essex,	£. 115	2	5½
Middlesex,	305	6	0
Monmouth,	374	4	0
Gloucester,	155	5	3
	£. 949	17	8½
Balance carried to Account current, - - -	188	0	7
	£. 1137	18	3½

Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee, ROBERT OGDEN, JOHN NEILSON.

Dr.

DR. JOHN STEVENS jun. Treasurer, to the State of *New-Jersey*, in Account—

To the several Quotas of said Tax due from the respective Counties, *viz.*

Bergen,	£. 4240 0 0	
Essex,	7799 13 4	
Middlesex,	7866 6 8	
Monmouth,	10166 13 4	
Somerset,	8766 6 8	
Burlington,	10860 0 0	
Gloucester,	7100 0 0	
Salem,	7041 13 4	
Cape-May,	2000 0 0	
Hunterdon,	14200 0 0	
Morris,	8066 13 4	
Cumberland,	4142 0 0	
Sussex,	7750 13 4	
		£. 100000 0 0
		£. 100000 0 0

DR. *JOHN STEVENS*, jun. Treasurer, to the STATE—

To Deficiencies for the Year 1775,

Middlesex, - - -		£. 577 14 4

To Ditto for the Year 1776,

Bergen,	£. 996 12 0	
Monmouth,	1490 0 6	
Middlesex,	1308 10 0	
Somerset,	207 0 0	
Burlington,	361 9 11	
Gloucester,	24 3 4	
		4387 15 9

To Ditto for the Year 1777,

Burlington,	£. 1607 10 0	
Sussex,	879 11 0	
Gloucester,	1144 14 0	
Monmouth,	1603 14 0	
Essex,	826 17 2	
Bergen,	996 12 0	
Middlesex,	1308 10 0	
		8367 8 2

To Sinking-Fund for the Year 1778,

Burlington,	£. 1607 10 0	
Hunterdon,	2045 15 0	
Somerset,	1356 3 0	
Cumberland,	578 0 0	
Morris,	1085 2 0	
Cape-May,	250 7 0	
Sussex,	889 18 0	
Gloucester,	1144 14 0	
Salem,	1019 8 0	
Monmouth,	1603 14 0	
Essex,	1114 7 0	
Bergen,	996 12 0	
Middlesex,	1308 10 0	
		15000 0 5
		£. 28332 18 8

of Tax for raising *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, payable *May* 1st, 1779. Cr.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in, *viz.*			
Middlesex,	£. 237 10 5		
Monmouth,	7866 13 4		
Burlington,	2505 2 0		
Hunterdon,	350 0 0		
Suffex,	2342 19 4		
		£. 13302	5 1
Balance carried to Account current,		86697	14 11
		£. 100000	0 0

Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee, ROBERT OGDEN, JOHN NEILSON.

of *NEW-JERSEY*, in Account of Sinking-Fund Tax. Cr.

By Deficiency for the Year 1775, not yet paid in,			
Middlesex,		£. 577	14 4
By Ditto for the Year 1776,			
Middlesex,	£. 1308 10 0		
Somerset,	207 0 0		
Gloucester,	24 3 4		
		1539	13 4
By Ditto for the Year 1777,			
Burlington,	£. 415 16 5		
Gloucester,	1144 14 0		
Middlesex,	1308 10 0		
		2869	0 5
By Ditto for the Year 1778,			
Burlington,	£. 1607 10 0		
Gloucester,	1144 14 0		
Middlesex,	1308 10 0		
		4060	14 0
By Cash paid by the County of *Morris* before the Settlement of my Account in *October* 1778, on Account of Sinking-Fund Tax for the Year 1778,		800	6 0
Balance carried to Account current,		18485	10 7
		£. 28332	18 8

Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee, ROBERT OGDEN, JOHN NEILSON.

DR. *JOHN STEVENS*, jun. Treasurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY, in—

To Cash received from the Commissioners of the Loan-Office in the Counties of

	£.		
Essex,	1269	2	0
Gloucester,	2818	16	2
Salem,	2533	10	0
Somerset,	1464	9	3
Hunterdon,	4255	3	10
Cape-May,	961	4	0
Middlesex,	2805	7	6
Burlington,	2511	13	5
Cumberland,	127	16	0
Morris,	300	13	0
		£.	19047 15 2
		£.	19047 15 2

DR. *JOHN STEVENS*, jun. Treasurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY, in—

To Cash received of the several Commissioners of the respective Counties of

	£.		
Middlesex,	82048	16	3
Morris,	28786	12	6
Essex,	75770	8	9
Bergen,	22384	6	9
Hunterdon,	43211	13	9
Sussex,	5684	12	6
Somerset,	64553	2	3
Cumberland,	5868	3	3
Salem,	15656	1	3
Gloucester,	33895	0	0
Burlington,	15100	0	0
		£.	392958 17 3
		£.	392958 17 3

Account of Money received from the Commissioners of the Loan-Office. Cr.

By Balance carried to Account current, - - - £. 19047 15 2

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Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee, ROBERT OGDEN,
JOHN NEILSON.

Account of Monies received from the Commissioners of forfeited Estates. Cr.

By Balance carried to Account current, - - - £. 392958 17 3

- - - - - - - £. 392958 17 3

Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee, ROBERT OGDEN,
JOHN NEILSON.

DR. *JOHN STEVENS*, jun. Treasurer, to the STATE of *NEW*— directed to be set apart and appropriated as a Fund for the Benefit— wounded and disabled, and of the Widows and Children of such—

To Cash received on Account of Exempt-Tax from the Collectors of the several Counties of	*Burlington*,	£.	660	2	6		
	Sussex,		300	0	0		
	Monmouth,		200	0	0		
	Hunterdon,		663	7	5		
	Bergen,		201	1	11		
	Cumberland,		176	2	6		
	Somerset,		607	6	0		
	Cape-May,		50	10	0		
	Essex,		1724	16	1½		
	Salem,		325	18	9½		
	Morris,		518	3	4		
						5427	8 6½
On Account of Militia Fines,	*Burlington*,	£.	234	8	6		
	Sussex,		300	0	0		
	Monmouth,		1753	13	0		
	Hunterdon,		3249	6	3		
	Bergen,		10843	14	4		
	Cumberland,		815	12	6		
	Somerset,		358	13	9½		
	Cape-May,		3	0	0		
	Middlesex,		2447	17	6		
	Essex,		2255	8	6		
	Salem,		21	0	0		
	Morris,		392	2	9		
						22674	17 1½
						£. 28102	5 8½

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR. in Account of Monies received of sundry Persons.

1778. *Oct.* 8.	To Cash received of *Jonas Jenkins*, Money remaining in his Hands of £.600, borrowed to pay Bounty to Nine Months Men, - - -	£.	9	15 10
9.	To Ditto received of *Jesse Hand*, one of the Commissioners to purchase Clothing, Money remaining in his Hands, - - - -		4	6
	To Ditto received of *Roeloff Sebring*, for sixteen Copies of Laws sold by him, - - -		2	0 0
	To Ditto received of *Jonathan Deare*, Esquire, twelve Quires of Loan-Office Money to sign, - -		1890	0 0
14.	To Ditto received of *Joakim Griggs*, Collector of the County of *Hunterdon*, on Account of Fines imposed on disaffected Persons by the Court, - -		552	5 10
	Carried over, -	£.	2454	6 2

JERSEY, in Account of Militia Fines and Tax on exempted Persons, and Relief of such Officers and Privates of the Militia of this State as are as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the Service of the State. Cr.

Balance carried to Account current, - - -	£. 28102	5	8¼
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Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT OGDEN,
JOHN NEILSON.

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY, in Account of Monies received of sundry Persons. Dr.

1778.	Brought over, -	£. 2454	6	2
Nov. 7.	To Cash received of *John Grieffyt*, Commissioner for *Glouceſter* to pay Bounty to the Nine Months Men, Money remaining in his Hands, - -	226	4	0
14.	To Ditto received of *Joseph Borden*, Esquire, in Part of 30,000 Dollars, as per Resolve dated *June* 19, 1778, received by the Hands of *John Stevens*, jun. -	1125	0	0
	To Ditto received of Ditto by the Hands of Ditto,	2437	10	0
Dec. 10.	To Ditto received of *James Ewing*, Esq. Commissioner to pay Bounty to Nine Months Men for *Cumberland*, Money remaining in his Hands, - -		16	6
31.	To Ditto received of *Lucas Schenck*, Collector of *Middlesex*, Fines recovered from disaffected Persons, -	623	10	0
	Carried over, -	£. 6867	6	8

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
in Account of Monies received of sundry Persons.

		£.	s.	d.
1779.	Brought over, -	£. 6867	6	8
Feb. 27.	To Cash received of *Edward Keasby*, Esq. Collector of *Salem* County, - - - -	1398	6	0
March 1.	To Ditto received of *Jonathan Stiles*, Collector of *Morris*, Fines for Breach of regulating Law, - -	12	2	9
April 9.	To Ditto received of *James Parker*, in Part of Principal and Interest due on *Stephen Skinner*'s and his Bond to *John Smith*, late Treasurer, - -	2833	10	0
16.	To Ditto received of Ditto on Account of Ditto, -	310	0	0
	To Ditto received of Ditto, Balance due on Bond from *John Stevens*, *James Parker*, *Walter Rutherfurd*, *Henry Cuyler* and *William Burnet*, Agents for managing the Controversy on the Boundary Line between *New-York* and *New-Jersey*, to *Samuel Smith*, late one of the Treasurer's of *New-Jersey*, agreeably to a Law passed *December* the 6th, 1769, - -	100	0	0
21.	To Ditto received of *Peter B. Shaver*, Collector of *Suffex*, on Account of Arrears of £. 10,000 Tax, raised in 1776, - - - -	8	10	0
May 3.	To Ditto received of *Joakim Griggs*, Collector of *Hunterdon*, on Account of Ditto, - - -	200	0	0
6.	To Ditto received of *Silvanus Baldwin*, Fines imposed by Court on divers Persons, - - - - -	99	15	0
15.	To Ditto received of *Manasseh Reeves*, Money remaining in his Hands to purchase Clothing, - -	91	2	6
	To Ditto received of *Jacob Wikoff*, as Paymaster to Nine Months Men, Money remaining in his Hands, received per Mr. *Smock*, - - - - - -	677	5	0
	To Ditto received of Ditto, Collector of *Monmouth*, on Account of £. 10.000 Tax, raised in 1776, -	64	10	0
	To Ditto received of *Adam Boyd*, Sheriff of *Bergen*, on Account of Fines imposed by the Court, - -	1038	7	6
	To Ditto received of *Edward Keasby*, Collector of *Salem*, on Account of Fines imposed by the Court, -	280	13	9
17.	To Ditto received of *Abraham Westervelt*, Collector of *Bergen*, in Part of £. 10,000 Tax, raised in 1776,	492	15	0
18.	To Ditto received of *Jacob Wikoff*, Collector of *Monmouth*, on Account of Ditto, - - - -	144	13	9
	To Ditto received of Ditto, Fines imposed by Court,	700	0	0
	To Ditto received of *Edward Keasby*, Collector of *Salem*, on Account of Fines in the Nine Months Draught,	131	5	0
	Carried over, -	£. 15450	2	11

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
in Account of Monies received of sundry Persons.

		£.		
1779.	Brought over, -	£. 15450	2	11
May 27.	To Cash received of *Jonathan Jenkins*, Collector of *Cape-May*, on Account of Fines for Breach of the Peace,	24	0	0
	To Ditto received of Ditto, on Account of Fines on Jurors, - - - - -	4	15	0
June 9.	To Ditto received of Col. *John Neilson*, by the Hands of *Benjamin Manning*, Esq. Money remaining in his Hands as Paymaster to Recruits to the *New-Jersey* Regiments, - - - - -	37	18	6
11.	To Ditto received of *Benjamin Stiles*, Commissioner for Clothing in *Cape-May*, Balance of his Account,	2	2	6
	To Ditto received of *James Ewing*, Collector of *Cumberland*, Fines imposed by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, - - - - -	1592	17	0
	To Ditto received of Ditto, Money remaining in his Hands as Paymaster to Militia of *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, - - - - -	4828	2	6
21.	To Ditto received of *Edward Bunn*, Money remaining in his Hands as Paymaster to Nine Months Men,	375	0	0
July 24.	To Ditto received of *Gabriel Ogden*, in full of Principal and Interest due on his Mortgage to *Stephen Skinner*, late Treasurer, - - - -	927	18	3½
Aug. 9.	To Ditto received of *James Parker*, Balance due on Bond and Mortgage from himself and *Stephen Skinner* to *John Smith*, late Treasurer, - -	329	7	6
	To Ditto received of *Charles Coxe*, Esq. a Fine received of *George Opdyke* by Order of the Committee of *Kingwood*, - - - - -	28	3	0
	To Ditto received of *Rensselaer Williams*, Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace in the County of *Hunterdon*, in Part of the Average Sum given for Substitutes, assessed on the 13th Class of Col. *Joseph Phillips*'s Battalion, - - - - -	201	0	0
Sept. 1.	To Ditto received of *Jonathan Deare*, Esq. one of the Signers of the Loan-Office Money, a Quantity of said Money, amounting to - -	1496	5	6
Nov. 4.	To Ditto received of *Jesse Hart*, Executor to *John Hart*, Esq. 22 Bills of *New-Jersey* Loan-Office Money not yet signed, - - - - -	76	3	6
	Carried to Account Current, -	£. 25373	16	2½

Mountholly, *November* 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT OGDEN,
JOHN NEILSON.

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer, to the State of *New-Jersey*, in Account—

1779.	Received of *Jaques Voorhees*, Collector of the County of			
Oct. 18.	*Somerset*, in Part of Quota of said County, -	£.	1543	15 6
29.	Received of *William Abbot*, Collector of the County of *Hunterdon*, in Part of Ditto, - - -		12445	16 0
30.	Received of Ditto in Part of Ditto, - -		4906	17 6
Nov. 4.	Received of *James Ewing*, Esquire, Collector of *Cumberland*, in Part of Ditto, - - -		27854	15 2
5.	Received of *William Abbot*, Collector of *Hunterdon*, in Part of Ditto, - - -		4215	2 10
9.	Received of *Jaques Voorhees*, Collector of *Somerset*, in Part of Ditto, - - -		13817	10 6
12.	Received of *William Abbot*, Collector of *Hunterdon*, in Part of Ditto, - - - -		91	16 0
		£.	64875	13 6

DR. *JOHN STEVENS*, jun. Treasurer, to the—

To Balance found due to the State on the Settlement of my Account with a Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed for that Purpose *October* 6, 1778, - - -	£.	19868	11	7
To Balance on Account of Tax due *August* 1, 1778, - -		38305	17	6
To Balance on Account of Tax for Support of Government,		188	0	7
To Balance on Account of Tax for raising *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, payable *May* the 1st, 1779, - - -		86697	14	11
To Balance on Account of Sinking-Fund Tax, - -		18485	10	7
To Balance on Account of Monies received from the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, - - - -		19047	15	2
To Balance on Account of Monies received from the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, - - - -		392958	17	3
To Balance on Account of Exempt Tax and Militia Fines,		28102	5	8¾
To Balance on Account of Monies received of sundry Persons,		25373	16	2¾
To Balance on Account of Tax for raising *One Million*, payable *December* 1, 1779, - - - -		64875	13	6
	£.	693904	2	11½

of Tax for raiſing *One Million*, payable into the Treaſury *December* 1, 1779. Cr.

Balance carried to Account current,	£.	64875	13 6
— — — — —	£.	64875	13 6

Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT OGDEN,
JOHN NEILSON.

STATE of *NEW-JERSEY*, in Account current, Cr.

By ſundry Vouchers, numbered from No. 1 to No. 538, examined and allowed by a Committee of the Council and Aſſembly appointed to ſettle and adjuſt the Treaſurer's Accounts,	£.	440559	17 9½
By Caſh paid ſundry Perſons for taking up Deſerters, as per Vouchers numbered from No. 1 to No. 14, examined and allowed by the Committee,		30	0 0
Balance due to the State,		253314	5 1½
— — — — — — —	£.	693904	2 11½

Mountholly, November 20, 1779.

WE the Committee of the Council and Aſſembly appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the preſent Treaſurer, having examined the ſame, and the ſeveral Vouchers relative thereto, from Number One to Five Hundred and Thirty-eight incluſive, do find the Balance of *Two Hundred and Fifty-three Thouſand Three Hundred and Fourteen Pounds Five Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings* remaining in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer due to the State.

JOHN NEILSON,
JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
JOEL FITHIAN,
ROBERT OGDEN,
JONATHAN DEARE.

A Petition

A Petition of *George Mac-Gloughlin*, of the Townſhip of *Morris-River*, in the County of *Cumberland*, in Behalf of himſelf and others the Owners of the Meadows, Marſh and Cripple, lying on *Manamuſking* Creek in ſaid County, was preſented and read, praying, for certain Reaſons therein ſet forth, that a Law may be paſſed to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water-Works, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of the Aſſembly, on advertiſing the ſame in four of the moſt publick Places in the ſaid Townſhip at leaſt four Weeks previous thereto.

A Repreſentation of the Officers of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Whilden* have Leave of Abſence until *Thurſday* Morning next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned to two o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Jonathan Leaming, Eſquire, elected one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Cape-May*, having, on Account of the diſtreſſed Situation of his Family, declined taking his Seat;

Ordered,

That the Speaker iſſue an Order to the High Sheriff of the County of *Cape-May*, requiring him to hold an Election agreeably to Law for the Choice of a Repreſentative for the ſaid County in General Aſſembly, in the Room and Place of the ſaid *Jonathan Leaming*, during the Remainder of the Year.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the twelfth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty; and to diſcharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof;* was read the ſecond Time, and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit immediately:

Whereupon the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill; and, after ſome Time, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Sebring*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit again To-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 22, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſſolve the Marriage of* William Gifford '*with* Elizabeth *his Wife*, is paſſed without Amendment.'

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, November 23, 1779.

The Houſe met.

The Order of the Day being read,

Ordered,

That the ſame be diſcharged. Mr. *Sebring*,

Mr. *Sebring*, with Leave, preſented a Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Edward Annely, *reſpecting the Loſs of a Houſe and Lot he had purchaſed of* George Howard, *which was afterwards ſold by the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates*; which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for repealing Part of the Act, intitled, An Act to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Bergen, *and to alter the Place of holding the ſame*; which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engroſſing, Monopolizing, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Trade*, after Debate,

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 23, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Hand*, with ſuch other Members as 'chooſe to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſ-'ſembly in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in the Reſolution 'of Congreſs of the 19th of *November* Inſtant; and that the ſaid Committees 'meet at the Houſe of Mrs. *Stakes*, at nine o'Clock To-morrow.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Condict* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt them to ap-'point a Committee for the above Purpoſe.'

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Meſſage of this Day from the Council, by Mr. *Condict*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Brookfield*, Mr. *Renard*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Smock*, with ſuch other Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council at the Time and Place appointed in the ſaid Meſſage, and for the Purpoſes therein expreſſed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Sharp* wait on the Council with the above Order.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, *November* 24, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Bunn* reported, that Mr. *Sharp* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Martin*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Petition of *Charles Rhodes*, appointed to proſecute certain Charges at a Court-Martial, held in the County of *Suſſex* by Order of the Governor, for the Trial of Captain *Cyrus Beckwirth*, was preſented and read, praying that the Expences attending ſaid Trial may be allowed;

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the Committee on publick Accounts.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for repealing Part of the Act, intitled, An* Act *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Bergen, *and to alter the Place of holding the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference have Leave to withdraw; and then the Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sexton*, Mr. *Sparks* and Mr. *Low*, returned, and took their Seats in the Houſe.

A Petition from *Samuel Kaighn*, one of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates in the County of *Glouceſter*, was preſented and read, praying the Direction of this Houſe reſpecting the Sale of certain forfeited Eſtates in ſaid County which have been ſold by the Commiſſioners and not yet paid for by the Purchaſers.

Reſolved,

That the Laws are ſufficient for Direction in this Caſe.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker reported, that the Joint-Meeting had elected *Zachariah Roſſell* Marſhal of the Court of Admiralty.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, November 25, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee of Conference appointed on *Tueſday* laſt, reported,

THAT the Committee having taken into Conſideration the Matters to them referred, are of Opinion, that a Law be paſſed this Sitting of the Legiſlature to carry into Execution and eſtabliſh a general Limitation of Prices in this State, under the Reſtrictions and with the Proviſions mentioned in the ſaid Reſolutions; and that it be made a Part of ſuch Law to prevent the with-holding the Neceſſaries of Life.

By Order of the Committee, THEUNIS DEY, ROBERT MORRIS.

To which the Houſe agreed.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for repealing Part of the Act, intitled, An* Act *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Bergen, *and to alter the Place of holding the ſame*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Whilden* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Whereas it is neceſſary that *Enos Kelſey*, Eſquire, Clothier of this State, ſhould be immediately furniſhed with an additional Sum of Money to enable him to fulfil the Purpoſes of his Appointment;

Reſolved,

Reſolved,

That the ſaid *Enos Kelſey* be authorized to draw from the Treaſurer, for the ſaid Purpoſes, the Sum of *Fifty Thouſand Pounds* out of any publick Monies which may be in his Hands, for which the ſaid *Enos Kelſey* is to be accountable; and that the Receipt of the ſaid *Enos Kelſey* ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Whilden* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Warrant entitling *Eſther Couch*, Widow of *John Couch*, to draw Half-pay, was read, approved, and ordered to be ſigned;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Whilden* do carry the ſaid Warrant to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Circular Letter from *Stephen Hopkins*, Eſquire, Preſident of the Convention at *Hartford* in *Connecticut*, encloſing ſundry Reſolutions entered into by the ſaid Convention, and a Letter from the Committee of Congreſs who ſuperintend the Commiſſary and Quartermaſter-General's Department, on the Subject of procuring Flour for the Army, was read;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Meſſage and Papers be committed to Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Fithian*; and that they report to the Houſe thereon.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Houſe went into the Examination of the Witneſſes in Support of the Charge exhibited againſt *William Miller*, Eſquire, one of the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Salem*; the ſaid *William Miller* attending, the Depoſitions of *Robert Morris* and *John Mayhew*, Eſquires, and of *Andrew Cole*, were taken; on the Queſtion, Whether the Evidence before the Houſe is ſufficient whereon to ground an Impeachment againſt the ſaid *William Miller*, Eſquire? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Wilſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid *William Miller*, Eſquire.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Whilden* and himſelf had delivered the Bill, Reſolution, Warrant and Meſſages, with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

On Motion,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hornblower*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Baker*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a ſupplementary Act to the Act, intitled, *An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permiſſions or Paſſports, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

The Petition of *Jonathan Pew*, *William Pew* and others, of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that the Laſt Will and Teſtament of *James Pew*, deceaſed, was burned by the Enemy in the Houſe of *Thomas Henderſon*, Eſquire, Surrogate of ſaid County, in their Paſſage through this State in the Month of *June* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight; and praying that an authenticated Copy of ſaid Will, produced to the Houſe, may be confirmed as the Laſt Will and Teſtament of the ſaid *James Pew*, deceaſed;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of the Aſſembly, on advertiſing the ſame in four of the moſt publick Places in the County of *Monmouth*, and likewiſe in the *New-Jerſey* Gazette, at leaſt four Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*

Mr. *Van-Cleve* returned, and took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 26, 1779.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Council-Chamber, November* 25, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Whilden*, relative to empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw from the Treasurer *Fifty Thousand Pounds*;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

A Message from the Governor, accompanied with sundry Resolutions of Congress of the 12th and 16th of *November* Instant, were read;

Ordered,

That the said Message and Resolutions be committed to Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Carmichael*; and that they report to the House thereon.

Resolved,

That Captain *Thomas Clark*, of the Eastern Company of Artillery, be authorized to draw from the Treasurer, out of any publick Monies which may be in his Hands, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Four-pence*, due to the said *Thomas Clark* on Account of the said Company; and that the Receipt of the said *Thomas Clark* shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Foster* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Governor's Message of Yesterday, with the Papers accompanying the same, reported,

1st. THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, that, agreeably to the Request contained in the Letter from the Convention lately held at *Hartford* in *Connecticut*, Commissioners be sent from this State to meet the Commissioners from the States of *New-Hampshire*, *Massachusetts*, *Rhode-Island*, *Connecticut*, *New-York*, *Pennsylvania*, *Delaware*, *Maryland* and *Virginia*, in Convention at *Philadelphia* on the first *Wednesday* in *January* next, for the Purpose of fixing a general Limitation of the Prices of foreign Merchandize, agreeably to the Recommendation of Congress.

2d. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act for the Limitation of Prices, and to prevent the with-holding the Necessaries of Life from Sale, already agreed to be gone into at this Sitting, will be sufficient to enable the Purchasers for the Army to procure all the Flour which this State will be able to furnish.

ROELOFF SEBRING.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the first Paragraph of the said Report? It passed in the Negative.

On considering the second Paragraph, an Amendment was moved in these Words, "That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Laws now in Force "in this State, and those now under Consideration of the Legislature, will be "sufficient to enable the Purchasers for the Army to procure all the Flour which "this State will be able to furnish;" the Question being put, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Ewing*,

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment againſt *William Miller*, Eſquire, one of the Juſtices in the County of *Salem*, reported the ſame, as follows:

1ſt. THAT the ſaid *William Miller*, Eſquire, while veſted with the Commiſſion of Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, did, in Contempt of the Laws and in open Violation of his Duty, in the Preſence of divers Perſons, ſpeak certain ſeditious Words, tending to induce the good Subjects of this State to lay down their Arms, ſubmit themſelves to, and trade with the Enemies of the United States, and thereby to ſeduce them from their Allegiance to this State.

2d. That the ſaid *William Miller*, Eſquire, was charged with the ſaid Crime on Indictment in the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in ſaid County in *December* laſt, confeſſed the Truth of the Indictment, and was fined by the Court for the ſame, notwithſtanding which he doth continue to execute the ſaid Office of Juſtice of the Peace, to the great Offence and Diſſatisfaction of the good People of the ſaid County.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Articles of Impeachment, with a Liſt of the Names of the Witneſſes in Support of the ſame, to the Council, and requeſt them to appoint the Time and Place of Trial.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Ewing* do manage the ſaid Impeachment on the Part of this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sharp* reported, that Mr. *Foſter* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Tallman*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engroſſing, Foreſtalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State*: on the Queſtion, Whether the third Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Vandyke* have Leave of Abſence till *Wedneſday* Morning next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 27, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Thompſon* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Condict*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Woodbridge* and *Piscataway*, was presented and read, setting forth the Danger they are in from the Incursions of the Enemy from *Staten-Island*; and praying that a Company of Horse may be immediately raised out of the said Townships for the Purposes of opposing small Parties of the Enemy's Horse that may make Incursions into that Part of the Country;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engrossing, Forestalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State*; on the Question, Whether the fourth Section pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Blanck*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*, as follows:

'*Council-Chamber*, *November* 27, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to authorizing Captain *Clark* to draw a Sum of Money from the Treasury;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concurs in the Resolution therein contained.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *November* 27, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House concurs in the Warrant entitling *Esther Couch*, Widow of '*John Couch*, to draw her late Husband's Half-pay from the Treasury.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* have Leave of Absence during the ensuing Week, on special Business.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 29, 1779.

The House met.

Henry-Young Townsend, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Cape-May*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election; which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

Mr. *Sharp*, from the Committee to whom were committed the Resolutions of Congress of the 12th and 16th Instant, reported as follows,

1st. IT is the Opinion of the Committee, that this State ought to supply the Artificers in the same Manner as the Officers and Soldiers in the Line agreeably to the said Resolution, when the proper Returns shall be made by the Board of War to the Legislature for that Purpose.

To which the House agreed.

2d. And

2d. And that a Law be enacted to authorize and empower the Governor and Council to ſummon, on Application of the Judge-Advocate, ſuch Witneſſes as they ſhall judge neceſſary to attend and give Evidence in any Court-Martial, and to require the Juſtices of the Peace to take Depoſitions in Caſes where they may be given in Evidence. ANTHONY SHARP.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſecond Paragraph of the ſaid Report? It was carried in the Negative.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engroſſing, Foreſtalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, that the following Section be inſerted between the firſt and ſecond Section, *videlicet*, "And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Perſon who ſhall, by Bargain, Contract or Purchaſe, made after the Publication of this Act, get into his Hands or Poſſeſſion any Quantity of Salt, manufactured in this State or in any of the United States, with an Intention to ſell, barter or exchange the ſame in Quantities greater than ten Buſhels to any one Perſon, is hereby declared to be guilty of Engroſſing, and, on being thereof legally convicted, ſhall be fined at the Diſcretion of the Court where ſuch Conviction ſhall be had, in any Sum not exceeding *One Thouſand Pounds:* Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be conſtrued to prevent any Perſon purchaſing Salt by the Cart or Waggon Load from the Manufacturer, and carting the ſame into any interior Part of the State, and then ſelling the ſame again by the Load or in ſmaller Quantities."

An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Neilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Foſter*, that Perſons convicted on this Section ſhall be liable to the ſame Fines and Forfeitures, to be recovered and applied in the ſame Manner as by the firſt Section is directed; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hilſon*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
		Mr. *Sexton*.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Section as amended do paſs? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rennard* have Leave of Abſence till *Saturday* Morning, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee of publick Accounts appointed by Law, reported the Account of the late Brigadier-General *Winds*, for Lead by him purchaſed agreeably to a Reſolution of the Legiſlature of the 17th of *June*, 1778, as follows:

DR. Brigadier-General *Winds* in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

1778.		1778.	
Sept. 14. To Caſh received from the Treaſury,	£.900 0 0	By Caſh paid for 5300lb. of Lead and Carting, as per Vouchers from No. 1 to 5	£.1008 15 0
Balance due General *Winds*,	108 15 0	Errors excepted.	
	£.1008 15 0		

EXAMINED the Account of General *Winds*, for the Purchaſe of Lead, and find a Balance due to him of *One Hundred and Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings.*

JAMES MOTT, jun.
JAMES MAC-COMB.

Reſolved,

Resolved,

That the Treasurer do pay to the late Brigadier-General *Winds* the Sum of *One Hundred and Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, being the Balance due to him for Lead purchased and paid for agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the 17th of *June*, 1778.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fithian* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Fithian* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Cooper*, a Member of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 30, 1779.

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber, November* 29, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fithian*, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to the late General *Winds* a Sum of Money for Lead;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, November* 29, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Dey* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for repealing Part of the Act, intitled, An* Act *to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of* Bergen, *and to alter the Place of holding the same*, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering certain Parts of the Main Road, leading through the County of* Gloucester, *from* Salem *to* Burlington, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Foster*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Gano* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that it is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times for holding the same; and also to alter and ascertain the Times of holding the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of* Hunterdon; which Bill was read; *Ordered*,

Ordered,
That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Morris*, with Leave, brought in the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to veſt the Juſtices of the Supreme Court with Power to grant Proceſs to compel the Attendance of Witneſſes at Courts-Martial*; which was read;

Ordered,
That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Cook* reported, that Mr. *Gano* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jerſey, was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Ewing*, ſeconded by Mr. *Morris*, that the following Words be left out of the tenth Section, *videlicet*, "That no Perſon ſhall be ſuffered to vote for Repreſentatives in Council or General Aſſembly, Sheriffs or Coroners, who hath, ſince the Commencement of the preſent War, joined the Enemy by taking Refuge amongſt them, or hath been convicted of Treaſon or Felony, or who hath been impriſoned or fined for refuſing to take the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance preſcribed by Law." On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Cook*,
			Mr. *Carmichael*.

Ordered,
That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jerſey.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Broderick*, that the ſeventeenth Section be amended by adding, after the Words "from Time to Time," the Words "and from Place to Place;" on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,		Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Mott*,		Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Hornblower*, ſeconded by Mr. *Ewing*, that a Proviſo be added to the ſeventeenth Section in the following Words, "Provided always, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Judges of the Election for the County of *Eſſex*, to adjourn the Poll from the County-Courthouſe in *Newark* to *Elizabeth-Town*, at any Time they may think proper during ſuch Election;" on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,		Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Hopkins*.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, that the following Proviso be added to the seventeenth Section, "And provided also, That it shall and may be lawful for the Majority of the Judges and Inspectors of the County of *Hunterdon*, to adjourn the Election from the Place appointed for holding the same to *Abraham Bonnel*'s Tavern, and to *Pennington*, if they shall judge the same necessary;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Townsend*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Ewing*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Fithian*.
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Thompson*,		
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Hopkins*,		
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Broderick*.		
Mr. Biddle,			

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Broderick*, that the following Proviso be added to the seventeenth Section, "And Provided also, That it shall and may be lawful for the Majority of the Judges and Inspectors of the County of *Sussex*, to adjourn the Election from the Place appointed for holding the same to *Oxford* and *Hardiston*, if they shall judge the same necessary;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Mayhew*,	

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 1, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of Meeting of the Justices and Freeholders in the County of* Hunterdon; which was read;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times for holding the same; and also to alter and ascertain the Times of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of* Hunterdon; was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jerſey, and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jerſey; on the Queſtion, Whether the twenty-ſixth Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon,*	Mr. *Bunn,*	Mr. *Whilden,*	Mr. *Sebring,*
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Van-Cleve,*	Mr. *Foſter,*
Mr. *Blanch,*	Mr. *Fenimore,*	Mr. *Sexton,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*
Mr. *Brookfield,*	Mr. *Biddle,*	Mr. *Gano,*	Mr. *Fithian.*
Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Sparks,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*	
Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Low,*	Mr. *Cook,*	
Mr. *Neilſon,*	Mr. *Cripps,*	Mr. *Ewing,*	
Mr. *Mott,*	Mr. *Mayhew,*	Mr. *Thompſon,*	
Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Sharp,*	Mr. *Hopkins,*	
Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Townſend,*		

On the Queſtion, Whether the twenty-eighth Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon,*	Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Brookfield,*	Mr. *Mayhew,*
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Fenimore,*	Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Sharp,*
Mr *Blanch,*	Mr. *Van-Cleve,*	Mr. *Mott,*	Mr. *Townſend,*
Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Sexton,*	Mr. *Foſter,*	Mr. *Whilden,*
Mr. *Neilſon,*	Mr. *Gano,*	Mr. *Biddle,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*
Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*	Mr. *Sparks,*	Mr. *Ewing,*
Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Cook,*	Mr. *Low,*	Mr. *Thompſon,*
Mr. *Sebring,*	Mr. *Fithian.*	Mr. *Cripps,*	Mr. *Hopkins.*
Mr. *Bunn,*			

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, December 2, 1779.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jerſey.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sebring*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, for an Amendment to the twenty-ninth Section, by adding in the Oath to be taken by Members of the Aſſembly, after the Word "Election," the Words "a Freeholder and"; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch,*	Mr. *Low,*	Mr. *Wilſon,*	Mr. *Sexton,*
Mr. *Brookfield,*	Mr. *Cripps,*	Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Gano,*
Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Mayhew,*	Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*
Mr. *Mott,*	Mr. *Townſend,*	Mr. *Neilſon,*	Mr. *Cook,*
Mr. *Sebring,*	Mr. *Whilden,*	Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Ewing,*
Mr. *Bunn,*	Mr. *Van-Cleve,*	Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Fithian,*
Mr. *Fenimore,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*	Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Hopkins.*
Mr. *Sparks,*	Mr. *Thompſon.*		

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, for an Amendment to the twenty-ninth Section, by leaving out the Oaths to be taken by Perſons who have removed out of the County, which they are choſen to repreſent, to avoid the Enemy; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows;

Yeas.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Thompson*.	Mr. *Smock*,		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act to alter the Place of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times for holding the same; and also to alter and ascertain the Times for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of* Hunterdon, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr, *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Gano*,		Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Whilden*.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to vest the Justices of the Supreme Court with Power to grant Process to compel Attendance of Witnesses at Courts-Martial*, was read a second Time.

An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Sharp*, seconded by Mr. *Mott*, that no Subpœna be granted to command any Person to attend as a Witness at any Court-Martial held out of this State, unless under the Hands of two or more of the Justices of the Supreme Court, and under the Seal of the Court; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Baker*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Neilson*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Cripps,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Mayhew,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Ewing*,
Mr. Sharp.	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
	Mr. Low,	*Mr. Thompson*,
	Mr. Townsend,	*Mr. Hopkins*.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer of this State be directed to pay to Major *Joseph Brearley*, out of any publick Monies in his Hands, the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Use of himself and the Party that assisted him, as a Reward for their Zeal and Activity, and as a Compensation for their Time and Expence in apprehending and confining in the Gaol of *Burlington* three notorious Robbers, commonly known by the Names of *Hunt*, *Carr* and *Slack*; and the Receipt of the said Major *Joseph Brearley*

Brearley ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, December 3, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Carmichael* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himſelf had delivered the two Meſſages with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to veſt the Juſtices of the Supreme Court with Power to grant Proceſs to compel the Attendance of Witneſſes at Courts-Martial.*

An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Sharp*, ſeconded by Mr. *Townſend*, that the Words, "ſuch reaſonable Sum for his Time and Expences in obeying the ſame as the Juſtice granting the Proceſs ſhall, on due Conſideration of the Circumſtances and Ability of the ſaid Witneſs, direct and certify under his Hand on the Back of ſuch Proceſs," in the firſt Proviſo, be ſtruck out, and that the Words, "a reaſonable Sum for his Time and Expences in obeying the ſame," be ſubſtituted in their Place; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Townſend*.	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Cook*,
	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engroſſing, Foreſtalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Mayhew*, that the Civil Proſecution in the firſt Section, containing the following Words, "and ſhall likewiſe for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Whole of the Article or Articles ſo engroſſed, or the Value thereof, to be proſecuted and recovered, with Coſts of Suit, by Action of Treſpaſs on the Caſe in any Court of Record where the ſame ſhall be cognizable, by any one of the Overſeers of the Poor of the Townſhip, Precinct or Ward where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, in his own Name, and applied to and for the Uſe of the Poor of ſuch Townſhip, Precinct or Ward," be ſtruck out: On which a Queſtion aroſe, Whether a Bill can be amended on the third Reading without the unanimous Conſent of the Houſe? Which was determined in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Cripps*,	

Whereupon the Queſtion on the original Motion being put, it was carried in the Affirmative.

On the Queſtion, Whether the firſt Section as amended do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Foſter*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 3, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of Yeſterday, relative to empowering the Treaſurer to pay to Major *Joſeph Brearley Five Hundred Pounds*;

'*Reſolved*,

'That the Houſe do concur in the Reſolution therein contained.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 3, 1779.

'THAT Mr *Condict* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, December 4, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to raiſe the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thouſand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jerſey; which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Ann Long*, of the County of *Glouceſter*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that *Abraham Long*, the Father of her late Huſband, did convey his Eſtate to his two Sons, *William* and *Jacob*, upon Condition of Maintenance; that the ſaid *Jacob* died inſolvent, and the ſaid *William*, her late Huſband, died inteſtate, whereby his Eſtate deſcended to his eldeſt Son, as Heir at Law, who has joined the Enemy; by which the ſaid Eſtate became forfeited, and hath ſince been ſeized by the Commiſſioners and ſold, by which Means ſhe is left with ſeveral Children to maintain; and praying Relief in the Premiſes;

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Supplement to the Confiſcation Act.

A Petition of Lieutenant-Colonel *John Taylor*, of the Militia of the County of *Middleſex*, encloſing a Number of Accounts, was preſented and read; on the Queſtion, Whether Lieutenant-Colonel *Taylor*'s Account for the Expences of his Table, while commanding the Regiment of Militia embodied by Law at the Poſt of *Elizabeth-Town*, be paid? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenmore*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr *Blanch*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr *Low*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
		Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

Ordered,

That the Remainder of the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee on publick Accounts.

A Petition of the Officers of the Regiment of Militia embodied by Law, was preſented and read, praying that the Allowance granted by a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 18th of *Auguſt* laſt to the Officers in the Continental Army may be extended to them;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition, together with the Repreſentation from the General and Field Officers of the *Jerſey* Brigade, preſented to this Houſe on the 22d of *November* laſt, be committed to Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Sharp*; and that they report their Opinion thereon.

Whereas it is neceſſary that *Enos Kelſey*, Eſquire, Clothier of this State, ſhould be immediately furniſhed with an additional Sum of Money to enable him to fulfil the Purpoſes of his Appointment;

Reſolved,

That the Treaſurer be directed to pay to the ſaid *Enos Kelſey*, for that Purpoſe, the Sum of *Fifty Thouſand Pounds*, out of any publick Money which may be in his Hands, for which the ſaid *Enos Kelſey* is to be accountable; and that his Receipt ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, December 6, 1779.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 4, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to alter the Place of holding the Supreme Court 'of Judicature of this State, and to aſcertain the Times of holding the ſame; and alſo 'to alter and aſcertain the Times of holding the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and 'General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Hunterdon, is paſſed by 'this Houſe without Amendment.'

Mr. *Neilſon*, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act to alter the Place of holding the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Middleſex; which was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Neilſon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Petition of the Officers of the Regiment of Militia embodied by Law, and alſo the Repreſentation from the General and Field Officers of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, reported as follows:

1ſt. That

1ſt. THAT it is the Opinion of your Committee, that the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, are entitled to the Proviſion made by the Act, intitled, *An Act for the better Subſiſtence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States*, from the 8th Day of *May*, 1779, to the 18th Day of *Auguſt* laſt.

2d. That the ſaid Act is clearly ſuperceded by the Reſolution of Congreſs of the 18th Day of *Auguſt* laſt, as appears by the 12th Section thereof, which limits its Operation to a certain contingent Condition, which took Place on the ſaid 18th Day of *Auguſt*.

3d. That in the preſent Circumſtances of Affairs it appears prudent and neceſſary that the ſaid Act be revived, to take Effect from the ſaid 18th of *Auguſt*.

4th. That Mr. *Kelſey* be directed as ſoon as poſſible to pay to the Troops the Equivalent Money which remains due to them in Virtue of the ſaid Act until the 18th Day of *Auguſt* laſt; and that he be alſo called upon immediately to produce to the Houſe an Account of the Expenditure of the Monies by him drawn from the Treaſury, and of all his other Proceedings in Conſequence of his Appointment under the ſaid Act.

5th. That the Charge of Inattention or Negligence reſpecting Mr. *Kelſey*, Clothier of this State, contained in the Repreſentation of the General and Field Officers of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, appears not to be well founded, and to proceed from Miſinformation or Miſapprehenſion; it is notwithſtanding the Opinion of the Committee, that Mr. *Kelſey* be directed as ſoon as poſſible to lay before the Houſe a State of his Accounts in that Department.

6th. That, although the Officers of the Regiment of Militia embodied by an Act, intitled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thouſand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, are not ſtrictly and legally entitled to any further Proviſion than is made for them in the ſaid Act, it is nevertheleſs the Opinion of this Committee, that it would be prudent to augment the Bounty allowed to them thereby to an Equality with the Subſiſtence granted by Congreſs, in their Reſolution of the 18th of *Auguſt* laſt, to the Officers of the Army of the United States.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Wilſon*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to revive the Act, intitled, *An Act for the better Subſiſtence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States.*

On Motion by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do alſo prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the Act, intitled, *An Act for regulating, training and arraying the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto.*

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to veſt the Juſtices of the Supreme Court with Power to grant Proceſs to compel Attendance of Witneſſes at Courts-Martial*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Sebring,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Biddle,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Sharp.*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Cook,*	
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Foſter,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*	
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Rennard,*	*Mr. Ewing,*	
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Cripps,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Hopkins,*	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Townſend,*	*Mr. Broderick.*	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Whilden,*		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Brookfield* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Baker* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber, December 6*, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Morning, by Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Blanch*, directing the Treasurer to pay to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, the Sum of *Fifty Thousand Pounds*, &c.

'*Resolved*,

'That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.'

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joshua Stout, *the Purchaser of a certain Tract of Land in the County of* Hunterdon *of* Thomas Leonard, *now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the same be engrossed? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Wilson*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Cripps*.

Resolved,

That the Paymasters of the Militia be authorized and directed to pay to the Officers of the Regiment embodied by Law respectively, during their Service, such additional Sum, from and after the 18th Day of *August* last, as may render the Monthly Equivalent Money directed to be paid them by the 12th Section of the Act, intitled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, equal to the Subsistence allowed to the Officers of the Army of the United States by a Resolution of Congress bearing Date the 18th Day of *August*, 1779.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Brookfield* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer of this State be directed to pay to *Isaac Halsey*, Esquire, Paymaster of the Militia for the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex*, out of any publick Monies in his Hands, the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, for which the said *Isaac Halsey*, Esquire, is to be accountable; and whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the same in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engrossing, Forestalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and*

Merchandize, within this State; on the Question, Whether the third Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Townsend,*	*Mr. Wilson,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Whilden,*	*Mr. Mott,*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Smock,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Seabrook,*
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Fenimore,*
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Cook,*	*Mr. Foster,*
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Carmichael,*	*Mr. Biddle,*
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Ewing,*	*Mr. Cripps,*
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Thompson.*	*Mr. Sharp,*
Mr. Rennard,		*Mr. Hopkins,*
Mr. Mayhew,		*Mr. Broderick.*

On the Question, Whether the fourth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson,*	Mr. *Townsend,*	Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Sharp,*
Mr. *Blanch,*	Mr. *Whilden,*	Mr. *Mott,*	Mr. *Townsend,*
Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Sexton,*	Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Hopkins,*
Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Gano,*	Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Broderick.*
Mr. *Neilson,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*	Mr. *Fenimore,*	
Mr. *Sebring,*	Mr. *Cook,*	Mr. *Foster,*	
Mr. *Bunn,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*	Mr. *Biddle,*	
Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Ewing.*	Mr. *Rennard,*	
Mr. *Mayhew,*		Mr. *Cripps,*	

On the Question, Whether the engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent Engrossing, Forestalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State,* as amended, be engrossed? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson,*	Mr. *Sparks,*	Mr. *Mott,*
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Rennard,*	Mr. *Smock,*
Mr. *Blanch,*	Mr. *Townsend,*	Mr. *Seabrook,*
Mr. *Brookfield,*	Mr. *Whilden,*	Mr. *Fenimore,*
Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Sexton,*	Mr. *Biddle,*
Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Gano,*	Mr. *Cripps,*
Mr. *Neilson,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*	Mr. *Mayhew,*
Mr. *Sebring,*	Mr. *Cook,*	Mr. *Sharp,*
Mr. *Bunn,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*	Mr. *Hopkins,*
Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Broderick.*
	Mr. *Thompson.*	

Mr. *Neilson* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Mr. *Seabrook* reported, that Mr. *Brookfield* and himself had delivered the Messages with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the Support of Government; and, after some Time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Sebring*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions, which he was ready to report whenever the House would please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, December 6, 1779.*

'THAT Mr. *Martin* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

'*Council-*

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 6, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to *Isaac Halsey Ten Thousand Pounds*;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, *December* 7, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to draw up a Representation to Congress agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Conference of the fourth of *November* last, reported a Draught as follows:

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled.

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATURE of the State of *New-Jersey*, *Sheweth*,

THAT the Legislature of this State are sincerely disposed to adopt and carry into Execution all such Requisitions of Congress as appear to them likely to prove beneficial to the Union and not injurious to the State; but that they consider the separate and State Mode of making further Provision for the Officers and Soldiers enlisted for the War, recommended in your Resolution of the 17th of *August* last, in many Respects improper and disproportionate, as a Measure that, if carried into Execution, would not only be productive of great and unnecessary Expence, but dangerous to the Peace and well-being of the Union, and are therefore under the disagreeable Necessity of declining a Compliance therewith.

With Respect to the Impropriety of the Measure, we beg Leave to observe, That we conceive it hath a natural Tendency to produce Murmurs and Discontent in the Army, Consequences that should ever be studiously avoided and carefully guarded against.

While the Legislature of each State separately pursues Measures for making such Provision for their own Troops as may be conceived adequate and proportioned to the Ability of the State, and in such Manner as appears most suitable for the Troops themselves, and most expedient and least detrimental to the State, both the Amount and Mode of the Provision so made will be different in different States; and those Troops for whom least is done, having a just Claim to equal Merit, and of Consequence entitled to equal Rewards, on comparing their Situation with that of their fellow Soldiers, with whom they have served in the same Camp, endured the same Fatigues, and been exposed to equal Danger, will feel themselves aggrieved, will murmur and complain: Besides, a very superficial Acquaintance with Human Nature will serve to shew, that Men are not always actuated in the Pursuit of an Object merely by its real and intrinsic Value, but that Prejudice or Caprice too frequently influence the Choice. For this Reason the different Modes adopted by the different States, which, on Account of their different Situation, Circumstances or Government, are unavoidable, supposing the Amount of the real Value of these various Provisions equal, may still furnish Pretext for Complaint.

And we beg Leave further to observe, that the Mode of Provision recommended will be highly unequal and disproportionate in the different States, both as to the Terms and the Means of Supply. That the Terms must be unequal will, we conceive, evidently appear, if we consider that the States which furnish an over Proportion of Troops compared with what the other States furnish will be saddled with

with the Expence of an over Proportion of Supplies, when the States that fall ſhort in the firſt Inſtance will in Proportion be relieved in the latter, than which Nothing can be more unjuſt, or more likely to produce Diſcontent among the different States, to ſay Nothing of the Tendency it muſt naturally have to prevent their completing their reſpective Quotas: Beſides, as an over Proportion of Officers have been raiſed from this State, eſpecially if we take into the Account the detached Corps not included in the Eſtabliſhment, the ſeparate Proviſion will for that Reaſon be doubly hard upon this State.

That the Means of Supply will be diſproportionate in the different States may be readily conceived, if we advert to the Situation of each State as being more or leſs the Seat of the War, and ſubject to the Incurſions and Depredations of the Enemy. The Loſſes and Expences thence accruing to ſome of the States in the Union has been enormous, and their Abilities to furniſh Supplies doubtleſs diminiſhed in Proportion. Nor ſhould we on this Occaſion forget the extreme Fatigue and Hardſhips the Militia of thoſe States have endured, the Time they have neceſſarily ſpent in the Defence of the common Cauſe to the Neglect of their domeſtic Employments, whereby their providing even for themſelves and Families hath been rendered extremely hard and difficult; nor indeed can we ſuppoſe they are much leſs entitled to the Approbation and Gratitude of their Country than our Continental Troops themſelves, though we muſt freely acknowledge our Gratitude to the latter, and have the higheſt Opinion of their Merits. But when we conſider the Diſadvantages ſome of the States lie under with Regard to Trade and Commerce, being obliged to purchaſe moſt of the imported Articles they uſe, or furniſh to their Troops, from ſome of their Siſter States, the Inequality appears ſtill more obvious and ſtriking, that the divided Mode of Supply under Conſideration will be productive of great and unneceſſary Expence, we imagine, after what hath been already remarked, needs little or no Illuſtration. We would however obſerve, that the States bidding againſt each other, as in all Probability they will do in order to retain their Officers and Soldiers in the Service, will have a ſtill further Tendency to enhance the Expence of the War.

The Truth of ſome of the Obſervations we have made hath already been experienced by the Legiſlature of this State, when endeavouring to comply with and carry into Execution the former Requiſitions of Congreſs, relative to clothing their Troops, and furniſhing them with certain Articles for their better Subſiſtence. That we conceive a like Reaſoning will hold good with Reſpect to the Proviſion recommended by Congreſs to be made for the Widows of ſuch Officers and Soldiers as have loſt or ſhall loſe their Lives in the Service of the States. With Regard to thoſe unfortunate Women we have to declare, that we ſincerely ſympathize with them in their Sufferings, and that we are not only willing and deſirous to contribute our full Proportion to their Relief, but will moſt readily carry into Execution any Proviſion that Congreſs ſhall make for that Purpoſe on a Plan that will be general and uniform throughout the States. [Gratefully ſenſible of the Merits of their Troops, and viewing with Concern their Sufferings in the Cauſe of Liberty and of their Country, the Legiſlature of this State are earneſtly deſirous that Proviſion may be made for affording them ample Compenſation for the Damages they have ſuſtained by the Depreciation of their Pay, and for fulfilling the original Contract with them: This they preſume would be ſatisfactory to the Troops themſelves, and ſtrictly conformable to Juſtice: More they can have no Right to aſk, and leſs we would not with them to receive.]

But though not deficient in Gratitude or Juſtice to our Troops, nor unwilling even to be generous in a due Degree, we beg Leave to expreſs in the moſt explicit Terms our utter Diſapprobation of a Half-pay Eſtabliſhment for Life, or of any other military Eſtabliſhment whatſoever in Time of Peace. We conſider it as contrary to the very Spirit of a Republican Government, as introductive of the Prac-

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tice of Pensioning, which has always been held in the utmost Detestation by a free People, as creating a Distinction in the Community, invidious in its Nature, dangerous in its Tendency, and productive of Inconvenience and Injury to the Officers themselves, as well as to the Community at Large: It is so much the more dangerous in that, if it once takes Place, it will ever after be claimed by the Military as Matter of Right, and gradually improved upon until considered as Part of our Systems of Government, and rendered equally permanent with our Constitutions themselves.

In a Word, we consider it as one Step towards Tyranny and absolute Government, and evidently tending to produce Discord and Dissention among the States themselves; the Officers, mixing in the Councils of the States, will be under a constant Temptation to cherish Measures leading to military Operations, thereby to open the Way to their former Standings, and a Living more agreeable to their Wishes.

For these Reasons, among many others, we hold ourselves bound by every Tie of political Obligation openly to declare to Congress, that it is impossible for us to think of adopting a Measure pregnant with so many Evils, and that in this Declaration we speak not only our own Sentiments, but those of our Constituents.

Which Recommendation was read, agreed to, and ordered to be transcribed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day Mr. *Sebring* reported the Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for the Support of Government as follows:

Resolved,

1st. That in and by the said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to His Excellency *William Livingston*, Esquire, Governor of this State, at the Rate of *Seven Thousand Pounds* per Annum; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	who voted for £. 6000.	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Cook*,		Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,		Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Thompson*,		Mr. *Ewing*.
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.		
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Broderick*,		
Mr. *Fenimore*,	who voted for £. 8000.		

Carried for £. 8000.

2d. To the Honourable *David Brearley*, Esquire, Chief-Justice of this State, at the Rate of *Five Thousand Pounds* per Annum; to which the House agreed.

3d. To the Honourable *Isaac Smith*, Esquire, Second, and to the Honourable *John-Cleves Symmes*, Esquire, Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, at the Rate of *Four Thousand Pounds* per Annum; to which the House agreed.

4th. To *William Paterson*, Esquire, Attorney-General of this State, at the Rate of *Two Hundred Pounds* per Annum; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	who voted for £. 400.
Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilson*,
Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Smock*,
	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	who voted for Nothing.
	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Broderick*,	
	Mr. *Foster*,	who voted for £. 500.	Carried for £. 500.

5th. To *John Stevens*, Esquire, Treasurer of this State, at the Rate of *Four Thousand Pounds* per Annum; to which the House agreed.

6th. To each of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court of this State, for attending the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in the Manner preſcribed by the ſaid Act, the Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds* for each Time; to which the Houſe agreed.

7th. To each of the Delegates in Congreſs, *Twenty Pounds*, for each Day they ſhall reſpectively attend; to which the Houſe agreed.

8th. To each of the Members of the Council, *Twenty-five Dollars* per Day, for the Times they ſhall attend at this or any other Sitting of the General Aſſembly; to which the Houſe agreed.

9th. To the Speaker and each of the Members of the Houſe of Aſſembly, for the Time they ſhall reſpectively attend at this or any other Sitting of the General Aſſembly, the Sum of *Twenty-five Dollars* per Day; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Whilden,*	*Mr. Sexton,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Gano,*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Foſter,*	*Mr. Cook,*	who voted for *Twenty-four Dollars.*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*	*Mr. Mott,*
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Ewing,*	*Mr. Seabrook,*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Rennard,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*	*Mr. Low,*
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Hopkins,*	who voted for *Twenty Dollars.*
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Sharp,*	*Mr. Broderick.*	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Townſend,*		

10th. To the Clerk of the Council, the Sum of *Thirty-five Dollars* per Day, for each Day he ſhall have attended at this or any other Sitting of the General Aſſembly; and alſo the Sum of *One Dollar* per Sheet, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes of the Council and of the Joint-Meeting fair in the Journals, and at a like Rate for a Copy thereof for the Printer; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon,*	Mr. *Bunn,*	Mr. *Sexton,*	Mr. *Mott,*
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*	Mr. *Sparks,*
Mr. *Blanch,*	Mr. *Fenimore,*	Mr. *Cook,*	Mr. *Low,*
Mr. *Brookfield,*	Mr. *Foſter,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*	Mr. *Gano,*
Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Biddle,*	Mr. *Ewing,*	voted for *Thirty Dollars.*
Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Rennard,*	Mr. *Thompſon,*	
Mr. *Neilſon,*	Mr. *Mayhew,*	Mr. *Hopkins,*	
Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Sharp,*	Mr. *Broderick.*	
Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Townſend,*		
Mr. *Sebring,*	Mr. *Whilden,*		

11th. To each of the Clerks of Aſſembly, the Sum of *Thirty-five Dollars* per Day, for the Time they ſhall have reſpectively attended at this or any other Sitting of the General Aſſembly; and alſo the Sum of *One Dollar* per Sheet, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Journals, and at a like Rate for a Copy thereof, and of the Laws for the Printer; to which the Houſe agreed.

12th. To *Iſaac Collins*, or any other Printer who ſhall be employed to print the Journals and Laws, ſuch Sum or Sums as the Honourable *Caleb Camp*, *Thomas Fenimore*, *Benjamin Van-Cleve*, *James Mott*, jun. and *Henry Vandyke*, Eſquires, or any three of them, ſhall agree to be paid for the ſame; to which the Houſe agreed.

13th. To the Sergeant at Arms who ſhall attend the Council, ſuch Sum as the Preſident or Vice-Preſident ſhall agree upon and certify under his Hand to be due for ſuch Service; to which the Houſe agreed.

14th. To the Sergeant at Arms who ſhall attend the Aſſembly, ſuch Sum as the Speaker ſhall agree upon and certify under his Hand to be due for ſuch Service; to which the Houſe agreed.

15th. To the Doorkeeper of the Council, ſuch Sum as the Preſident or Vice-Preſident ſhall agree upon and certify under his Hand to be due to him for his Service; to which the Houſe agreed.

16th. To

16th. To the Doorkeeper of the Aſſembly, ſuch Sum as the Speaker ſhall agree upon and certify under his Hand to be due to him for his Service; to which the Houſe agreed.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſhua Stout, *the Purchaſer of a certain Tract of Land in the County of* Hunterdon *of* Thomas Leonard, *now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Baker*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Smeck*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Foſter*,		Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Carmichael*.

Ordered,
That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of Perſons conſcientiouſly ſcrupulous of taking an Oath*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Low* being indiſpoſed, Mr. *Sebring* reported, that he had delivered the Meſſage and Bills with them entruſted to Mr. *Martin*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 7, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of
'Aſſembly of Yeſterday, relative to authorizing the Paymaſter of the Mili-
'tia to pay to the Officers of the Regiment embodied by Law reſpectively, during
'their Service, ſuch additional Sum as may render their Monthly Equivalent
'Money equal to the Subſiſtence allowed to the Officers of the Army of the Unit-
'ed States;

'*Reſolved*,
'That the Houſe do concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engroſſing*, *Foreſtalling*, *and Enhancing the Prices of Produce*, *Manufacture and Merchandize*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Broderick*.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Support of the Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty inclusive; and to diſcharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. *Biddle* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, December 8, 1779.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raiſe the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thouſand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jerſey, was read the ſecond Time;

An Amendment was moved to the firſt Section by Mr. *Fenimore*, ſeconded by Mr. *Cripps*, that the Whole of the ſaid Sum be raiſed at one Payment; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Neilſon*,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Foſter,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Cripps,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Townſend*,	*Mr. Hopkins*,
Mr. Carmichael,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Broderick*.
Mr. Ewing.	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Neilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Fithian*, that the ſecond Payment into the Treaſury be made on the tenth Day of *July* next; on the Queſtion, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Low*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Foſter*,		Mr. *Kitchel*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the firſt Section? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty inclusive, and to diſcharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Townſend* and Mr. *Foſter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Townſend* reported, that Mr. *Foſter* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raiſe the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thouſand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jerſey.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, for an Amendment to the ſecond Section, that the Extreme at which Houſeholders ſhould be taxed be £.200 inſtead of £.500; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Baker*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Whilden,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Ewing*,
Mr. Van-Cleve,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Broderick.	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
	Mr. Rennard,	*Mr. Hopkins*.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Cripps*, for an Amendment to the ſecond Section in the Words following, *videlicet*, "Every Tract of Land, held by Deed, Patent or Survey, whether improved or unimproved, and every Houſe and Town-Lot in any City, Borough, Town-Corporate, Town, Townſhip, Precinct or Ward, and every Griſtmill, Sawmill, Oilmill, Fullingmill, Furnace, Forge, Rolling or Slittingmill, Snuffmill, Still, Brewhouſe, Tanyard and Ferry, and every accuſtomed Fiſhery, the Property of any private Perſon or Perſons, where Fiſh are caught for Sale, ſhall be valued by the Aſſeſſor and

choſen Freeholders of the Townſhip, Precinct or Ward, where the ſame ſhall lie, as near as may be according to the annual Value thereof, or the Sum at which the ſame would rent by the Year if paid in Wheat at the Price at which Wheat ſold in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four;" on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
	Mr. *Low*,	

An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Whilden*, that every female Slave of ſixteen Years old and upwards, except ſuch as are not able to work, ſhall be rated at the Diſcretion of the Aſſeſſors and choſen Freeholders, any Sum not exceeding £. 15; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	
Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	
Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Foſter*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sebring*, ſeconded by Mr. *Brookfield*, for inſerting 10*ſ.* inſtead of 5*ſ.* as the Sum at which Money at Intereſt be taxed; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? The Names ſtood as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Sparks*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Rennard*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Baker*,	*Mr. Townſend*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Ewing*,	*Mr. Neilſon*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Cripps,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Mayhew,	*Mr. Hopkins*.	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Van-Cleve,		*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr.* Speaker.

And the Votes appearing to be equal, the Speaker was called on for his Vote, which he gave in the Negative.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 8, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Joſhua Stout, *the Pur-* 'chaſer *of a certain Tract of Land in the County of* Hunterdon, *of* Thomas Leo- 'nard, *now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, is paſſed by this Houſe without Amend- 'ment.'

The Houſe adjourned till *Friday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, December 10, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting*

forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, *the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Stelle* returned, and took his Seat in the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jersey.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Cripps*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, that Money in Hand be taxed; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	
Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Ewing*, seconded by Mr. *Sparks*, that the Words *whether* and *unimproved or*, in the second Section, be struck out; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows;

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Foster*,		Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Low*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Townsend*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Ewing*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Fithian*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

A Remonstrance and Petition from sundry of the Officers of the second Regiment of the County of *Salem*, praying, for the Reasons therein set forth, that a Major may be appointed in the Room and Place of the present Major, was read;

Resolved,

That the Law is sufficient to remedy the Complaint of the Petitioners; and that the Petition be referred to the Governor.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ewing* have Leave of Absence, on special Business.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jersey.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Mott*, that no Person be capable of being elected a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States unless he shall have been a Resident in this State for seven Years; on the Question, it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Biddle*, who voted for three Years.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Carmichael*, who voted for ten Years.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Thompson*, who voted for five Years.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	
Mr. *Seabrook*,			

On the Question, Whether the thirty-fourth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,		Mr. *Townsend*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Sparks*, that an additional Section be inserted in the Words following, *videlicet*, "And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall hereafter be elected a Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, shall presume to take his Seat and act as a Member without having taken the above Oaths or Affirmations, he shall, for every Day he so sits and acts, forfeit the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, Money aforesaid; to be recovered, with Costs of Suit, by any Person that will sue for the same, in any Court of Record where the Action shall be cognizable, one Half whereof shall belong to the Prosecutor, and the other Half shall be paid to the Treasurer for the Use of the State." On the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered,
That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 10, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the farming of publick Offices, or transferring by Deputation the Power annexed and incident to them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein; and also to acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Support of the Government of the State of* New-Jersey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the second* Tuesday *in* October, *in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty inclusive; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, is rejected by this House.'

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The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to prevent the Farming of publick Offices, or transferring by Deputation the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act to alter the Place of holding the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Middleſex, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, December 11, 1779.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act granting unto* Henry Gueſt, *for a limited Time, the ſole Right of making and ſelling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was read the ſecond Time; and ſeveral Amendments being made thereto,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be read a third Time.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to raiſe the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thouſand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jerſey; on the Queſtion, Whether the third Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Morris*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Broderick.*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Cook*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act granting unto* Henry Gueſt *the ſole Right of making and ſelling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Morris*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Smock*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Sparks*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Fithian.*	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Rennard*,		*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Sharp*,		*Mr. Hopkins*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Townſend*,		*Mr. Broderick.*

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Gano* and Mr. *Whilden* do carry the ſaid Bill with the Amendments made thereto to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Gano* reported, that Mr. *Whilden* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Buck*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jerſey, *and alſo to direct the Election of Delegates to repreſent the ſaid State in the Congreſs of the United States*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act to alter the Place of holding the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace in the County of* Middleſex, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 11, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent Engroſſing, Foreſtalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State*, with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.'

Which Amendments were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſixteenth of *March*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, requeſting that atteſted Copies of the Acts paſſed by the Legiſlature of the different States ſince the firſt Day of *November*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven, in Purſuance of the Recommendations of Congreſs, may be tranſmitted to them, was read; whereupon,

Ordered,

That the Speaker be requeſted to collect and tranſmit to the Preſident of Congreſs, for the Uſe of Congreſs, printed Copies of ſo many of the Laws, paſſed by the Legiſlature

Legislature of *New-Jersey* since the Establishment of the present Government, as he can now procure.

Resolved,

That the Governor be requested to employ the Secretary of this State to furnish him with certified Copies of such of the Laws of this State now in Force as have been enacted in Pursuance of Recommendations of Congress since the first Day of *November*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven; and to transmit such certified Copies to the President of Congress, for the Use of Congress.

That the Secretary of this State present his Accounts, for the Service by him performed in Consequence of this Resolution, to the Legislature at their next Sitting for Payment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, December 13, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself had delivered the Message and Bill with them entrusted to Mr. *Condict*, a Member of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to procure an Estimate of the Damages sustained by the Inhabitants of this State from the Waste and Spoil committed by the Troops in Service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the neighbouring States;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raise the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jersey.

An Amendment was moved to the tenth Section by Mr. *Sebring*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, by adding the following Proviso, "Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Assessors and chosen Freeholders, in particular and extraordinary Cases, where it shall manifestly appear to them that the said Limitations and Restrictions are insufficient to answer the Purpose intended by this Act, that of a just and equitable Assessment, and they are hereby authorized and required, in such Case, to fix the Rate or Assessment at such further and other additional Sum as to them, in their Discretion, shall seem agreeable to Justice, and proportionate to the Assessments laid upon Lands in such Township, Precinct or Ward." On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows?

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Bunn*,		Mr. *Low*,	

On the Question, Whether the tenth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr *Foster*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Gano*.

Ordered,
That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

A Petition of *John Dennis*, of *New-Brunswick*, was presented and read, setting forth, that the Sum of about *One Thousand Pounds* is due to him from Persons now with the Enemy, whose Estates are by Law forfeited to, and vested in this State; that by presenting his Demands to the Treasurer of the State for Payment, agreeably to Law, he could receive only the nominal Sum due, which, through the Depreciation of the Continental Currency, would not exceed one twentieth Part of the real Debt, while the Remainder of it would become the Property of the State; and praying Relief;

Ordered,
That the same be read a second Time.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Letter from the President of Congress to His Excellency the Governor, and a Resolution of Congress of the eleventh of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, requesting that Eight Thousand Barrels of Flour may be furnished by this State for the Supply of the Army of the United States, and that a Part thereof be provided as soon as possible to answer the immediate Demands of the Army; which Resolution, Letter and Message, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Sexton* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jersey.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Fithian*, that the County-Collector be allowed *Three Dollars* per Mile for carrying the Money to the Treasury; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	who voted for *Four*	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	*Dollars*.	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Mott*,	who voted for *Two*
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Smock*,	*Dollars*.
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	who voted for *Twenty*
Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	*Shillings*.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Sparks*, for an Amendment to the twenty-eighth Section by striking out the following Words, "Or to recover the same from the Owner by Action of Debt in any Court where the same shall be cognizable, with Costs of Suit;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Low*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Whilden*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sparks*, that the following Proviſo be added at the End of the twenty-eighth Section, "And provided alſo, That where any Tenant holds a Houſe or Lands under a Leaſe, bearing Date before the twenty-fifth Day of *March*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, in which there is no Covenant to oblige the Tenant to pay the Taxes of the leaſed Premiſes, and ſuch Tenant ſhall pay a greater Sum for the Tax of ſuch Premiſes than the Sum ſuch Premiſes are leaſed for, that then it ſhall not be lawful for ſuch Tenant to recover from the Owner of ſuch leaſed Premiſes the ſaid Sum he paid greater than the Rent reſerved by ſuch Leaſe." On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sexton*.	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Vandykr*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Rennard*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the twenty-eighth Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Gano*.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon*, for an Amendment to the twenty-ninth Section by inſerting after the Words "ſituated ſhall," the following Words, "in Perſon, by Letter or otherwiſe, give Notice to the Owners to diſcharge the Aſſeſſment, and ſhall"; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sexton*.	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Mott*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Foſter*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the twenty-ninth Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Cripps*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,		Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Sexton*.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 14, 1779.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raise the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jersey.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sebring*, seconded by Mr. *Hornblower*, for an Amendment to the thirty-first Section by adding the following Words, " And in case the Collector of any Township, Precinct or Ward, in any County in this State, shall not be able to collect the Assessment of the first Payment of the Sum directed to be raised by this Act by the second *Tuesday* in *March* next ensuing, his Authority shall be, and hereby is extended so far forth as to finish the Collection of the Money remaining to be collected;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Low*,	
Mr. *Foster*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The transcribed Copy of the Representation to Congress, drawn up by the Joint-Committee of the Council and Assembly agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Conference of both Houses of the fourth of *November* last, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Neilson* do carry the same to the Council, and inform them that it is agreed to by this House.

The Petition of *John Gill*, *Joseph Hugg* and *John Griffith*, Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the County of *Gloucester*, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Month of *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, in Payment of Monies due on Bond for said Year, they had inadvertently received a Number of counterfeit Bills of Credit to the Amount of *Two Hundred and Forty Dollars*; and praying that the Legislature would take the Premises into Consideration, and pass a Law to indemnify them from the loss of said Money.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that Mr. *Neilſon* and himſelf had delivered the tranſcript Copy of the Repreſentation to Congreſs and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 14, 1779.
'THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An* 'Act *granting unto* Henry Gueſt, *for a limited Time, the ſole Right of making* '*and ſelling the Blubber by him lately invented*, re-engroſſed with their Amend-'ments, and acquaint them the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe."
Which re-engroſſed Bill being read and compared;
Ordered,
That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 14, 1779.
'WHEREAS the Commiſſioners of the Eaſtern States, as far as *New-York* in-'cluſive, in Convention met at *Hartford* in *October* laſt, have recommended 'that a Convention of Commiſſioners from all the States, as far Southward as '*Virginia* inclusive, ſhould be held at *Philadelphia* on the firſt *Wedneſday* in *Janu-*'*ary* next, to conſult and agree on ſome Plan for a general Limitation of Prices.
'And notwithſtanding the Honourable Congreſs have, by their Act of the nine-'teenth of *November* laſt, in Part ſuperſeded the Neceſſity of ſuch Meeting by 'recommending a general Limitation of Prices through the States, yet, in Order 'that the ſame may be carried into Effect with as much Uniformity as Circum-'ſtances will admit, the Meeting of ſuch Convention may be advantageous, eſpe-'cially to aſcertain and affix the Allowance to be made for Freight, Inſurance, 'and other Charges on Articles imported; therefore,
'*Reſolved*,
'That the Honourable *Silas Condict*, Eſquire, and *Thomas Fenimore*, Eſquire, 'or either of them, be appointed Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners on the Part of 'this State to meet ſuch Commiſſioners as may attend at the Time and Place 'aforeſaid, to confer and agree on the Allowance proper to be made on imported 'Articles for Freight, Inſurance and other Charges, and on ſuch other Meaſures 'as may be moſt likely to render the ſaid Plan recommended by Congreſs effectual 'through the Union; and that they report whatever Meaſures the ſaid Convention 'may think proper to recommend to this Legiſlature at their next Sitting for their 'Approbation; and that they, or ſuch of them as may attend, exhibit an Account 'of their Time and Expences, that the ſame may be diſcharged.
'*Ordered*,
'That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Con-'currence in the above Reſolution.'

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe doth agree to appoint a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners to meet the Convention of Commiſſioners from the different States, from *New-Hampſhire* to *Virginia* inclusive, propoſed to be held at *Philadelphia* on the ſecond *Tueſday* in *January* next? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Littell*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Maybew*,		Mr. *Broderick*.

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An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchel*, that the following Words be struck out, "and on such other Measures as may be most likely to render the said Plan recommended by Congress effectual through the Union;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Foster*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Mott*,		Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Low*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Cripps*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Gano*,		Mr. *Fenimore*,	

The House adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for the Preservation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent trespassing with Guns*, reported the same with sundry Amendments; which were read;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolution of this Day from the Council, relative to appointing Commissioners to attend the Convention to be held at *Philadelphia* on the first *Wednesday* in *January*; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Wilson*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Townsend*,		Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		Mr. *Broderick*.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engrossing, Forestalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State*, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, was read the second Time; and the said Amendments were read in their Places, and are as follows:

Section 6th, Line 7th, after Quantities insert, "Or if any Person whatsoever who heretofore hath, by Purchase, Contract or otherwise, got into his, her or their Hands or Possession any of the Articles herein mentioned, more than what is necessary for the Use and Consumption of his, her or their Families, and for the Use of any Person or Persons in his, her or their Employment, and their Families;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Low*,		Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,		Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Broderick*.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the said Amendments.

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The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Necessaries of Life.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Cripps*, for an Amendment to the third Paragraph of the first Section, by inserting after the Word "Sorts," in the second Line, the following Words, "shall not exceed thirty Fold of the Prices such Articles of the like Quality were usually sold at in the several Parts of this State through the different Seasons of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Sharp*.	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Cook*,
	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fitzjan*,
	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sexton* have Leave of Absence during the Remainder of the present Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 15, 1779.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Engrossing, Forestalling, and Enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture and Merchandize, within this State*, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. *Biddle* reported, that Mr. *Van-Cleve* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Necessaries of Life;* and, after some Time spent thereon,

The House adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Necessaries of Life;* and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Read*, accompanied with a Resolution of the Assembly of *New-York*, dated *October* the first, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, relative to the Abuses committed by plundering Parties on the Inhabitants of *Long-Island* and other Places

within that State in the Power of the Enemy, and also a Letter from His Excellency *George Clinton*, Esquire, to the Governor of this State, requesting him to issue a Proclamation for the Prevention of such Practices, were read;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 15, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to alter 'the Place of holding the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Ses-'sions of the Peace for the County of* Middlesex, is passed by this House without 'Amendment.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 15, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that this House have agreed to the Transcript of the Representation to 'Congress sent from the House of Assembly Yesterday.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, December 16, 1779.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and* Wright's *Landing, bounding on* Salem *Creek, in the County of* Salem, *to erect and keep in Repair the Dams, Banks, Sluices and other Water-Works, to open and keep clear the necessary Water-Courses, and to make such Line-Ditches as are therein described lawful Fences*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Debating thereof be postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raise the Sum of* Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jersey, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Blanck*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Gano*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Cook* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein; and also acquaint them that this House do concur in the Resolution of the Council of the fourteenth Instant, by Mr. *Deare*, relative to empowering certain Persons to attend the Convention proposed to be held at *Philadelphia* on the first *Wednesday* in *January* next.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Cook* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Necessaries of Life.*

An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Sharp*, by adding after the Word "Jury," in the 7th Section, these Words, "of twelve Men, and in all other Respects;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Mott*,		Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Foster*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Low*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Cripps*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Maybew*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fitkian*,
Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 15, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jersey, *and also to direct the Election of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Amendments were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 16, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act for raising certain Fines and Forfeitures*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jersey, *and also to direct the Election of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, was read the second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Resolved,

That the House agree to the 1st, 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 19th, and 21st of the said Amendments, and in other Respects do adhere to the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer pay on the Warrant of the President of Congress in Favour of Colonel *Blaine*, bearing Date the fourteenth Day of *December* Instant, *Two Hundred Thousand Dollars*; which Warrant, and the Receipt of the said Colonel *Blaine* thereon endorsed, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Payment of so much Money on the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein. Mr. *Townsend*

Mr. *Townsend* reported, that Mr. *Sharp* and himself had delivered the Bill, Resolution and Messages with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 16, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to Colonel *Blaine Two Hundred Thousand Dollars*;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Hand* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Necessaries of Life*; on the Question, Whether the seventh Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Foster*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Low*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Cripps*,	

An Amendment was moved to the eighth Section by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Hornblower*, that the following Proviso be inserted in Lieu of the said Section immediately after the Word "Vendue" in the Preamble, "And it is hereby provided and enacted, That Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed, deemed or taken, to prohibit any Marshal, Sheriff or Constable, from selling at publick Vendue as usual, in the Execution of his Office, any of the Articles enumerated or limited in and by this Act." On the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Bunn*,		

On the Question, Whether the eighth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,		
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,		
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*.		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday,

Friday, December 17, 1779.

The Houſe met.

A Petition from the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that the Gaol of ſaid County was lately burnt by the Enemy; and praying that the Legiſlature would paſs an Act empowering the Juſtices of ſaid County to commit Priſoners into the adjacent Gaols for the preſent; which was read; whereupon,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Dunn* and Mr. *Vanlyke*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Cripps*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, that a Section be inſerted at the Cloſe of the Bill for ſuſpending the Operation of this Act until the States of *New-York*, *Pennſylvania* and *Delaware*, ſhall enact Laws for the ſame Purpoſe; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Dunn*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Cano*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Cripps*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Townſend*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Fithian*.

On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Morris*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Foſter*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Cano*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Dunn*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Townſend*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Hopkins*.	*Mr. Broderick*.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunn* do carry the ſaid Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Wilſon*, with Leave, preſented a Bill, intitled, *An Act for augmenting the Fees of certain Civil Officers and others, and for raiſing the Fines and Forfeitures to which they are liable for Neglect or Refuſal of Duty, and for ſuſpending Parts of ſundry Acts therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Dunn* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris* for Leave to bring in a Bill, intitled, *An Act to explain an Act, intitled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the ſame and other Bills of Credit, and the Supplement thereto*; and, on the Queſtion, Whether he have Leave? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Bidale,*	*Mr. Brookfield,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Neilſon,*	*Mr. Cook,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Mott,*	*Mr. Carmichael.*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Rennard,*	*Mr. Smock,*	
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Whilden,*	*Mr. Seabrook,*	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*	*Mr. Fenimore,*	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Cripps,*	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Fithian,*	*Mr. Mayhew,*	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Hopkins,*	*Mr. Sharp,*	
Mr. Foſter,	*Mr. Broderick.*	*Mr. Townſend,*	

On the Queſtion, Whether Mr. *Morris* is in Order in offering his Reaſons to the Houſe for bringing in a Bill after Leave had been granted to bring in ſuch Bill, and before the ſame Bill was read? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Brookfield,*	*Mr. Foſter,*	*Mr. Gano,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Baker,*	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Neilſon,*	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Cook,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Mott,*	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Smock,*	*Mr. Cripps,*	*Mr. Fithian,*
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Seabrook,*	*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*
Mr. Rennard,	*Mr. Sebring,*	*Mr. Sharp,*	
Mr. Whilden,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Townſend,*	
Mr. Broderick.	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*	

Mr. *Morris* accordingly preſented a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to explain an Act, intitled, An* Act *to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the ſame and other Bills of Credit, and the Supplement thereto;* which Bill was read; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon,*	Mr. *Rennard,*	Mr. *Brookfield,*	Mr. *Sharp,*
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Whilden.*	Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Townſend,*
Mr. *Blanch,*		Mr. *Neilſon,*	Mr. *Van-Cleve,*
Mr. *Hornblower,*		Mr. *Mott,*	Mr. *Gano,*
Mr. *Stelle,*		Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*
Mr. *Bunn,*		Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Cook,*
Mr. *Foſter,*		Mr. *Sebring,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*
Mr. *Biddle,*		Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Fithian,*
Mr. *Sparks,*		Mr. *Fenimore,*	Mr. *Hopkins,*
Mr. *Low,*		Mr. *Cripps,*	Mr. *Broderick.*
		Mr. *Mayhew,*	

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Reſolution of Congreſs of the fourteenth Inſtant, encloſed in a Letter from the Preſident, requeſting the different States to adopt Meaſures for ſupplying the Army with Flour and other Neceſſaries, was read;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Meſſage and Papers be referred to Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Morris;* and that they bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe in the ſaid Reſolution expreſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permiſſion or Paſſports, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,* was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sebring*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, to ſtrike out of the firſt Section the Words "of twelve Men;" and, on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch,*	Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Low,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*
Mr. *Brookfield,*	Mr. *Neilſon,*	Mr. *Rennard,*	Mr. *Hopkins.*
Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Stelle,*	Mr. *Cripps,*	
Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Mott,*	Mr. *Mayhew,*	
Mr. *Sebring,*	Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Sharp,*	
Mr. *Bunn,*	Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Townſend,*	
Mr. *Cook,*	Mr. *Fenimore,*	Mr. *Whilden,*	
Mr. *Carmichael,*	Mr. *Foſter,*	Mr. *Van-Cleve,*	
Mr. *Fithian,*	Mr. *Biddle,*	Mr. *Gano,*	
Mr. *Broderick.*	Mr. *Sparks,*		

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cook* have Leave of Abſence during the Remainder of the Sitting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, December 18, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the better Subſiſtence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating, training, and arraying of the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Morris*, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty inclusive, and to diſcharge the publick Debts and other contingent Charges thereof;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of* Somerſet *to commit Offenders to Gaol in any neighbouring County;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *Aaron Lane*, of the Precinct of *Reading*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, with a Certificate and Recommendation from a great Number of Perſons in ſaid County, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that his Son was wounded at the Battle of *Monmouth*, of which Wound he is not likely to recover; and that the Expences to which he has been ſubjected thereby have been very great, and to him inſupportable; and praying Relief;

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition and Accounts annexed be referred to the Committee of Accounts.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permiſſion or Paſſports, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Hornblower*, ſeconded by Mr. *Baker*, to ſtrike out the Words "of twelve Men," and to inſert in their Stead, "of ſix or twelve Men, at the Option of the Defendant;" and, on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It paſſed in the Negative.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*, to add to the firſt Section a Proviſo in the following Words, "Provided always, That Nothing herein contained ſhall be taken or conſtrued to invalidate or make void any Trial or other Proceedings had by Virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, becauſe ſuch Trial was had by a Jury of ſix Men only, if ſuch Trial and other Proceedings have been in other Reſpects agreeable to Law, but the ſame ſhall be valid to all Intents and Purpoſes." And, on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Townſend*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Hopkins*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Broderick*.
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Carmichael*.		

On calling the Votes on the above Queſtion Mr. *Morris* requeſted to be excuſed from voting; whereupon the Queſtion being put, Whether he be excuſed? it was carried in the Negative.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the firſt Section as amended? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Low*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Townſend*,	

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

Three Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 18, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raiſe the Sum of* Three Million Three 'Hundred and Seventy-five Thouſand Pounds *in the State of* New-Jerſey, is 'paſſed by this Houſe.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 18, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for limiting the Prices 'of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries 'of Life*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe have 'agreed to the 1ſt, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, '14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, '31ſt, 32d, 33d, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41ſt, and 42d 'Amendments made thereto by the Houſe of Aſſembly, and in other Reſpects 'adhere to their Bill.'

Reſolved,

That the Houſe recede from the 12th, 16th, 17th, 21ſt, and 22d Amendments made by this Houſe, and rejected by the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sparks* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 16, 1779.

'THE Houſe having taken into Conſideration the Charges reported by the 'Committees, and approved of by the late Legiſlature at their laſt Sitting, 'againſt the Commiſſioners for taking Charge of the forfeited Eſtates in the 'County of *Monmouth*;

'*Reſolved*,

'That the Attorney-General be, and he hereby is ordered forthwith to com-'mence an Action in Behalf of the State of at leaſt *One Hundred Thouſand Pounds*

Damages

'Damages againſt the ſaid Commiſſioners, for ſelling the forfeited Eſtates in the 'County of *Monmouth*, for their Neglect of Duty and illegal Conduct in the Exe-'cution of their Office as Commiſſioners; and that he do proſecute the ſame to 'Effect without Delay, and lay a State of his Proceedings therein before the Le-'giſlature at their next Sitting, and ſo from Time to Time when they ſhall happen 'to ſit, until the Action is brought to a Concluſion.'

Which Reſolution was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, December 20, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Ewing* returned, and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Sparks* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with ſeveral Reſolutions of Congreſs, one of the ſeventh of *October*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, recommending to the ſeveral States to direct their Treaſurers to tranſmit to Congreſs on the firſt Day of every Month Returns of the Sums which they have reſpectively received for ſupplying the Continental Treaſury; and another of the fifteenth of *December*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, recommending to the Legiſlature, or, where veſted with competent Authority, to the Executive Powers of ſuch of the States where Embargoes are in Force, to continue the ſame until the firſt Day of *April* next, and where Embargoes are not in Force, to enact Laws for that Purpoſe; and alſo a Letter from General *Waſhington* of the ſixteenth Inſtant to His Excellency, ſtating the alarming Situation of the Army from the Want of Proviſions, and earneſtly requeſting Supplies from this State;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Letter be committed to Mr. *Hornblower*, Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Broderick* and Mr. *Ewing*; and that they report thereon.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, December 21, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hornblower*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Letter from General *Waſhington* of the ſixteenth Inſtant, reported the following Reſolutions:

WHEREAS it appears by a Letter from His Excellency General *Waſhington* of the ſixteenth Inſtant, directed to the Governor, and by him laid before this Houſe, that the Troops under his Command are in great Want of an immediate Supply of Flour, and on Enquiry it is found that a conſiderable Quantity of Wheat, purchaſed in Virtue of a Law of this State, intitled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Uſe of the Army*, hath not been manufactured and forwarded agreeably to the Deſign of ſaid Law;

Reſolved,

That the Governor be requeſted to acquaint General *Waſhington* with the Exertions of this State to procure a Supply of Flour heretofore, and alſo the Steps that are now taking for a further Supply.

Reſolved,

That the Commiſſioners appointed in the Law for procuring Flour be directed to purchaſe all the Wheat that may be in their Power at the current Price, until a new Appointment ſhall take Place.

Resolved,

That the several Commissaries in this State be, and they hereby are directed to call on the Commissioners in their respective Districts for Returns of the Wheat by them procured, and the Places where the same is deposited; and the said Commissaries are hereby required forthwith to cause the same to be manufactured into Flour, and forwarded to the Army with the greatest Expedition.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Vandyke* do carry the said Resolutions to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act for procuring Provisions for the Use of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for settling the publick Accounts of this State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Seabrook* reported, that Mr. *Vandyke* and himself had delivered the Resolutions and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Council-Chamber, December* 20, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of 'Assembly of the thirteenth Instant, relative to the Governor's employing 'the Secretary of this State to furnish him with certified Copies of such of the 'Laws of this State now in Force as have been enacted in Pursuance of Recom-'mendations of Congress, *&c.*

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

A Memorial from the *Firstday-Baptist* Church incorporate, in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented and read, praying, for certain Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed to confirm and establish a Charter granted them by Governor *Livingston* in *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Sitting.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from the Governor, accompanied with a Minute of the Privy-Council of this State and sundry other Papers, respecting the Confinement of *Theunis Helme*, *Benjamin Demaresl*, *Peter Maybee* and *Myndert Maybee*, Subjects of this State, said to be taken up in the State of *New-York* and confined in Gaol at *Poughkeepsie*, and an Account of Expences for removing them from the said Gaol and delivering them to Colonel *Seward* at *Hardiston*, in the County of *Sussex*, agreeably to the Request of the Governor by the Direction of the Privy-Council; which were read: And it appearing to the House from the Information of two of the Members from the County of *Bergen*, that the said Persons were taken from their Habitations in the said County by Order of General *Mac Dougal*, and carried into the State of *New-York*, and there confined on Suspicion of harbouring Robbers; on the Question, Whether the House will go into a Resolution for the Payment of the said Account? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cano*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Fithian*.

Resolved,

Reſolved,

That His Excellency the Governor be requeſted to inform Mr. *Harper*, one of the Commiſſioners for detecting Conſpiracies in the State of *New-York*, on Behalf of the ſaid State, that the Legiſlature of this State think themſelves obliged in Duty to their Conſtituents to decline the Payment of the Account of Expences and Services of the Guard conducting *Benjamin Demareſt*, *Peter Maybee* and *Myndert Maybee*, from *Poughkeepſie* to *Suſſex* County, becauſe they are informed theſe Men were apprehended in this State and carried into the State of *New-York* by a Part of the Army under the Command of General *Mac Dougal* without any legal Authority, and that their reſolving to pay ſaid Account, ſuch being the Caſe, would be giving Sanction to a Meaſure dangerous to the Rights of Individuals and of this State.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Reſolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Bann*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Foſter*,		Mr. *Rennard*,	

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 21, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry the re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe with their Amendments.'

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 21, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Exportation of certain Articles from this State to ſuch of the adjacent States as ſhall neglect or refuſe to regulate the Prices of ſuch Articles*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Bond given by *Zachariah Roſſell*, Marſhal of the Court of Admiralty, with Securities in the Sum of £. 10,000 for the due Execution of his Office; which Bond having been read and taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved,

That the Houſe do approve of the ſaid Bond and Security.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Sparks* do carry the ſame to the Council, for their Approbation.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

Council-Chamber, *December* 21, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Morning, by Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Vandyke*, reſpecting a Supply of Flour for the Army;

'*Reſolved*,

'That this Houſe do concur in the Reſolution contained in the ſaid Meſſage.'

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

'*Ordered*,

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 21, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jersey, *and also to direct the Election of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, to the House of Assembly, and inform them that this House do recede from such of the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill as were disagreed to by the House of Assembly.'

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments made thereto by the Council and agreed to by this House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which Bill having been gone through, and several Amendments thereto made,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of Government of the State of* New-Jersey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the second* Tuesday *in* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty inclusive, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; was read the second Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Neilson*, seconded by Mr. *Biddle*, for an Amendment to the fifth Section by striking out the Words "To *Isaac Collins*, or any other Printer," and to insert in their Stead "To any Printer;" and, on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Bunn*,		Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Neilson*, to strike out "*Thomas Fenimore* and *Henry Vandyke*," and to insert "the Honourable *John Stevens* and *Ephraim Martin*, Esquires, or any three of them;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilson*,		Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Stelle*,		Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Bunn*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Provisions for the Use of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for settling the publick Accounts of this State*, was read the second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilson*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Cano*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Tithian*.	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Sparks* do carry the said Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Justices of the Peace for the County of* Somerset *to commit Offenders to Gaol in any of the neighbouring Counties*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Neilson*, with Leave, presented a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of* New-Jersey; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and* Wright's *Landing, bounding on* Salem *Creek, in the County of* Salem, *to erect and keep in Repair the Dams, Banks, Sluices and other Water-Works, to open and keep clear the necessary Water-Courses, and to make such Line-Ditches as are therein described lawful Fences*, was read the second Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the same be read a third Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 22, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Sebring* reported, that Mr. *Sparks* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Sinnickson*, a Member of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. Speaker being indisposed, the House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker *pro Tempore*; and the Votes being taken, *Roeloff Sebring*, Esquire, was chosen.

Mr. *Ewing*, with Leave, presented a Bill, intitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Colonel *Holmes* and Major *Walton*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, praying the Paymaster for the Militia of the County of *Monmouth* may be appointed in said County;

Ordered,
That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition from ſeventy-two Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, requeſting that the Legiſlature would ſend a Remonſtrance to Congreſs, ſetting forth in the warmeſt Terms the Injuſtice of permitting any State to aſſume a Right of diſpoſing of vacant and unappropriated Lands, commonly called Crown Lands, for its own private Emolument, and urging the Propriety of opening an Office for the Sale of ſuch Lands for the general Benefit of the United States.

Ordered,
That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickſon*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 22, 1779.
'THAT Mr. *Sinnickſon* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſuſpend* Kenneth Hankinſon *and* Samuel Forman, *two of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates in the County of* Monmouth, *from acting further in ſaid Office*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of* Somerſet *to commit Offenders to Gaol in any of the neighbouring Counties*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Vandyke* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty incluſive, and to diſcharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cripps*,		

Ordered,
That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Vandyke* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered,
That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. *Smock*

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Vandyke* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage and Papers with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Carmichael* have Leave of Abſence during the Remainder of this Sitting, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Reſolved,

That the Paymaſter of the Militia in the reſpective Counties be authorized and directed to pay to the Officers of the Militia who have been in actual Service between the 18th Day of *Auguſt* laſt and the Day of the Date of this Reſolution, the ſame Monthly Equivalent Money as is allowed to the Officers of the Regiment of Militia embodied by the Act, intitled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thouſand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, by a Reſolution of the Legiſlature of the ſeventh Day of *December* Inſtant.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Townſend* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſeventh Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*.	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Ewing*,	

On the thirteenth Section a Queſtion aroſe, Whether the County-Contractors ſhould be paid partly by a certain fixed annual Salary, and partly by granting them certain Perquiſites on the Quantity of the ſeveral Articles which they may purchaſe, or in one of thoſe Modes only? It was carried that they be paid both Modes, as follows:

For both.	For both.	For one.	For one.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr *Ewing*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Mayhew*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether £. 20 be allowed to the County-Contractors on every Hundred Buſhels of Wheat which they ſhall purchaſe? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	For leſs.	For leſs.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	
Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Ewing*,		
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Broderick*.		

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

Mr. *Sharp*

Mr. *Sharp* reported, that Mr. *Townsend* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 22, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Townsend*, respecting the authorizing the Paymasters of the Militia to pay to the Officers of the Militia who have been in actual Service between the eighteenth Day of *August* last and this Date, the same Monthly Equivalent Money as is allowed to certain other Officers by Resolution of the seventh Day of this Instant;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, December 23, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Bunn*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, and others, was presented and read, setting forth, that the Bridges over *Cooper*'s Creek and the South Main Branch of *Ancocus* Creek, on the Main Road leading from *Mount-holly* to *Philadelphia*, are very much out of Repair; and that the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly refuse to perform the Duties of their Office on Account of the Inadequacy of the Sums allowed to the Services of them required by Law; and praying that a Supplement may be made to the said Law;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 22, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, and in other Respects adhere to the Bill.'

Which Message having been read and considered; on the Question, Whether the House will recede from the first Amendment made by this House to the said Bill, and disagreed to by Council? It was negatived, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Smock*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Sparks,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Ewing*.
Mr. Cripps,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Baker*,	
Mr. Maylew,	*Mr. Broderick*.	*Mr. Stelle*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Smock*, that this House do request a Conference with the Council on the Subject of the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill, and disagreed to by the Council; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Blanch,*	*Mr. Sharp,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Neilſon,*	*Mr. Townſend,*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Foſter,*	*Mr. Mott,*	*Mr. Whilden,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Gano,*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Fithian.*	*Mr. Renard,*	*Mr. Ewing,*
Mr. Smock,		*Mr. Cripps,*	*Mr. Broderick.*
Mr. Seabrook,		*Mr. Mayhew,*	

Reſolved,

That the Houſe adhere to their Amendments made to ſaid Bill, and rejected by the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Bunn* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Bunn* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and* Wright's *Landing, bounding on* Salem *Creek, in the County of* Salem, *to erect and keep in Repair the Dams, Banks, Sluices and other Water-Works, to open and keep clear the neceſſary Water-Courſes, and to make ſuch Line-Ditches as are therein deſcribed lawful Fences,* was read the third Time;

Reſolved unanimouſly,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and inform them that it is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.

Mr. *Morris* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State;* and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Dey.*

'*Ordered,* *Council-Chamber, December* 23, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Dey* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that 'the Bill, intitled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers 'of the Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* 'October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* 'Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty inclusive, and to 'diſcharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof,* is paſſed by this 'Houſe.'

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman.*

'*Ordered,* *Council-Chamber, December* 23, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Taliman* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An 'Act to empower the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of* Somerſet *to 'commit Offenders to Goal in any of the neighbouring Counties,* with the Amend-

' ments made thereto by this Houſe, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid ' Amendments.'

Which Bill with the Amendments were read; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendments? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be re-engroſſed.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Brookfield*, that the following Section be inſerted immediately before the laſt Section of the ſaid Bill, " Be it further enacted, That any Certificate obtained by any Perſon from any ſuch Contractors, ſhall be received by any Collector in Part, or the Whole, of any Tax ſuch Collector may have a Right to demand from ſuch Perſon, for the Uſe of the State." On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the above Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Rennard*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Baker*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Townſend.*	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Ewing*,
Mr. Fenimore,		*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Fithian.*

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickſon.*

' *Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 23, 1779.

' THAT Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Deare* and Mr. *Holmes*, with ſuch other Members ' as chooſe to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe ' of Aſſembly in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Amendments ' made to the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain ' and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going ' into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permiſſions or Paſſports, and ' for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, by the Houſe of Aſſembly, and rejected by ' this Houſe; and that the ſaid Committees meet at the Houſe of Mrs. *Stakes* ' To-morrow Morning at ten o'Clock.'

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for augmenting the Fees of certain Civil Officers and others, and for raiſing the Fines and Forfeitures to which they are liable for Neglect or Refuſal of Duty, and for ſuſpending Parts of ſundry Acts therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation of Proviſions from the State of* New-Jerſey, was read the ſecond Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State in Lieu of his Fees on the Commiſſions of Juſtices, Coroners and Militia-Officers*, was read the ſecond Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed. The

The re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Somerſet *to commit Offenders to Gaol in any of the neighbouring Counties*, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe with their Amendments.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, December 24, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Brookfield* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Buck*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Cripps*.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Townſend* and Mr. *Foſter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for augmenting the Fees of certain Civil Officers and others, and for raiſing the Fines and Forfeitures to which they are liable for Neglect or Refuſal of Duty, and for ſuſpending Parts of ſundry Acts therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Broderick* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Townſend* reported, that Mr. *Foſter* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State in Lieu of his Fees on the Commiſſions*

Commiſſions of Juſtices, Coroners and Militia Officers, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Mayhew*.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Schring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Broderick* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation of Proviſions from the State of* New-Jerſey, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Broderick* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from *Theodoſia Prevoſt*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that an Inquiſition has been lately taken by the Commiſſioners of *Bergen* County for forfeited Eſtates againſt her Huſband, who, though by his Office a *Britiſh* Subject, took no deciſive Part in the preſent Conteſt till the *Britiſh* Army poſſeſſed themſelves of that Part of the Country, and a Summons from their Commander in Chief left him no Alternative what Line of Conduct to purſue; and therefore praying that the further Proceedings of the ſaid Commiſſioners may be ſtayed;

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſaid Memorial be referred to the next Sitting of the Legiſlature.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Broderick* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage and Papers with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Council of Yeſterday, and thereupon,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Hornblower*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Sharp*, and ſuch other Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Subject expreſſed in their Meſſage of Yeſterday.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Low* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them with the above Order.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Exportation of certain Articles from this State to ſuch of the adjacent States as ſhall neglect or refuſe to regulate the Prices of ſuch Articles*, was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed for the preſent.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer pay on the Warrant of the President of Congress, in Favour of *Chaloner* and *White*, or their Order, bearing Date the 18th Day of *December* Instant, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars;* which Warrant, and the Receipt of the said *Chaloner* and *White*, or their Order, thereon endorsed, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Payment of so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of* New-Jersey, *and also to direct the Election of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Neilson* reported, that Mr. *Sharp* and himself had delivered the Message and Bill with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, reported,—That the said Committees had met pursuant to their Appointment, and had agreed upon an Amendment to be substituted instead of the first Section of the said Bill and the Amendment made thereto by this House and rejected by the Council, which he was ready to report whenever the House should please to receive the same. On the Question, Whether the said Report be received? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Smock*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	

Whereupon Mr. *Morris* read the said Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows, *videlicet*,

THAT the first Section be struck out, and that there be inserted instead thereof the following: And whereas Causes of considerable Value may, by Virtue of this or the before recited Acts, be prosecuted before a Justice of the Peace, wherein it may be prudent to have the Judgment of a greater Number than six Jurors, Be it therefore enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, That in all Causes hereafter to be

profecuted before any Juſtice of the Peace, by Virtue of this or either of the ſaid recited Acts, it ſhall and may be lawful for either of the Parties in ſuch Suit to demand a Jury of twelve Men, which Jury ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to grant, and to iſſue a *Venire* accordingly.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Report? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Gano*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Kitchel* do wait on the Council, and inform them that this Houſe agree to the Report of the Committee of Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Amendments made by this Houſe to the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permiſſions or Paſſports, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

The Reſolution of the Council of the 16th Inſtant, relative to the Proſecution of the Commiſſioners for forfeited Eſtates in the County of *Monmouth*, ſent to this Houſe for their Concurrence on the 18th Inſtant, was read a ſecond Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Kitchel* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber, December* 24, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to empowering the Treaſurer to pay to *Chaloner* and *White*, or their Order, *Two Hundred and Fifty Thouſand Dollars* upon a Warrant from the Preſident of Congreſs;

'*Reſolved*,

'That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

Reſolved,

That the Treaſurer of this State do require the Commiſſioners and County-Collectors

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DR. JOHN HOLMES, Eſq. one of the Commiſſioners for purchaſing Cloth—

1777.	To Caſh he received of *Edward Keasby*, Eſq. Collector of the County of *Salem*,	£. 300 0 0
1778.	To Ditto of *Thomas Carpenter*, Paymaſter of the Nine Months Men raiſed in ſaid County,	380 0 0
1779.	To Ditto of *John Stevens*, Treaſurer,	5000 0 0
	Balance due to *John Holmes*,	412 5 3
		£. 6092 5 3

lectors of the ſeveral Counties to pay the Arrearages of Taxes and other publick Monies in their Hands into the Treaſury as ſoon as poſſible.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Gano* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Gano* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Cooper*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, December 25, 1779.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the better Subſiſtence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the ſecond Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the better Subſiſtence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Ewing*.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Blaneh*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Brockfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Mott* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Ewing* reported, that Mr. *Mott* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee of publick Accounts appointed by Law, reported a State of the Accounts of ſundry Perſons, which were read, and allowed; and are as follows:

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ing in the County of *Salem*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

By 40 Blankets and 12 Pair of Stockings, purchaſed and delivered to *Alexander Chambers*, Eſq. late Receiver-General of Clothing,	£.	165	12 6
By Clothing purchaſed and delivered to Col. *Iſrael Shreve*, of the Second *Jerſey* Regiment, in Continental Service, amounting to		5437	9 0
By Caſh paid for carting ſaid Goods,		30	0 0
By Caſh paid Bounty, in Lieu of Clothing, to 25 Men entered into the Nine Months Service, at £. 15 each,		375	0 0
By Caſh paid *William Garriſon*, one of the Commiſſioners to purchaſe Clothing in ſaid County,		20	0 0
By Wages and Expences in the ſaid Service,		44	3 9
By Expences in attending the Aſſembly to ſettle his Accounts,		20	0 0
	£.	6092	5 3

DR. JOSEPH POTTS, Commissioner for purchasing Clothing in the—

To Cash received of *David Olden*,	£.	217	18 1½
To Cash of *John Stevens*, Treasurer,		650	0 0
To Half a Yard of Flannel, two Yards of Linen, one Coat, two Pair of Shoes, and one Pair of Stockings, kept himself, amounting to		7	2 6
	£.	875	0 7½

DR. DAVID FORMAN, Commissioner for Clothing in *Mon*—

To Cash received of *John Stevens*, Treasurer,	£.	75	0 0
To Ditto of *Jacob Wikoff*, Paymaster of the Nine Months Recruits,		375	0 0
Balance due to Mr. *Forman*,		17	10 9
	£.	467	10 9

DR. HUGH GASTON, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloth—

To Cash of *John Stevens*, Treasurer, at different Times, amounting to	£.	575	0 0
	£.	575	0 0

DR. BENJAMIN HALSEY, Esq. Musternaster and Paymaster of the Five—

To Cash received of *John Dennis*, Treasurer,	£.	1306	10 0
	£.	1306	10 0

DR. BENJAMIN HALSEY, Esq. one of the Commissioners for paying the Bounty, and fur—

To Cash received of *Richard Smith*, late Treasurer,	£.	262	10 0
To Ditto, Ditto, *John Stevens*, Treasurer,		2448	3 9
To Balance from the Account of Paymaster of the Five Months Men,		3	12 0
	£.	2714	5 9

County of *Middleſex*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

By ſundry Clothing purchaſed and delivered to *Alexander Chambers* and *Enos Kelſey*, Receiver-Generals of Clothing,	£.	700	13 9
By Goods delivered to *David Olden*,		67	18 1½
By Caſh paid for making up ſaid Goods,		63	11 3
By twenty-ſix Days and an Half ſpent in purchaſing, *&c.* at 22*ſ*6,		29	16 3
By carting Clothing,		6	2 6
Balance due the State,		6	18 9
	£.	875	0 7½

mouth County, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

By ſundry Clothing and making the ſame, amounting to	£.	179	8 5
By Caſh and Clothing for Soldiers Bounty,		265	12 4
By ſixteen Days ſpent in purchaſing, *&c.* at 22*ſ*6 per Day,		18	0 0
By two Days attending at *Princeton* for ſettling Accounts,		4	10 0
	£.	467	10 9

ing in *Somerſet* County, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

By Clothing purchaſed and delivered to *Edward Bunn*, Eſq. the other Clothier in ſaid County,	£.	305	10 6
By carting ſaid Clothing,		3	7 6
By ſeventeen Days Time in purchaſing, *&c.* at 22*ſ*6 per Day,		19	2 6
By Caſh paid to *Edward Bunn*, Eſq.		218	5 0
Balance due the State,		28	4 6
	£.	575	0 0

Months Men raiſed in 1776, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

By muſtering and paying Bounty to 430 Men, at £.3,	£.	1290	0 0
By Commiſſions on the above,		12	18 0
Balance due to the State, and carried to the Account of ſaid *Halſey* as Paymaſter to the Four Months Men raiſed in 1776 and 1777,		3	12 0
	£.	1306	10 0

niſhing Shoes and Stockings to the Four Months Men raiſed in the Years 1776 and 1777, Cr.

By Bounty, Shoes and Stockings, to the Four Months Men raiſed in 1777, as per Receipts,	£.	2335	9 11
By Commiſſions at *One per Cent*,		23	7 1
Balance due to the State,		355	8 9
	£.	2714	5 9

THE Committee appointed by Law to ſettle and adjuſt the publick Accounts, having examined the above Accounts, and find the Balances ſeverally as above ſtated.

JAMES MOTT, jun.

Mountholly, December 24, 1779.

Reſolved,

That the Treaſurer do require ſuch of the Perſons whoſe Accounts are above ſtated and adjuſted, as are indebted to the State, to pay the Balance of their Accounts as ſoon as poſſible; and that the ſaid Treaſurer be directed to pay to each of the Perſons above mentioned, to whom a Balance is due from the State, ſuch Balance on their Application for the ſame; whoſe Receipts reſpectively ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Baker* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to defray ſundry Incidental Charges*, was read the ſecond Time; and, on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to allow the Account of *Thomas Burchan* of £. 275 for five Cords and an Half of Wood reported in ſaid Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Gano*.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,			

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Three Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 25, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for augmenting the Fees of certain Civil 'Officers and others, and for raiſing the Fines and Forfeitures to which they are 'liable for Neglect or Refuſal of Duty, and for ſuſpending Parts of ſundry Acts 'therein mentioned*, the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An 'Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State in Lieu of his Fees 'on the Commiſſions of Juſtices, Coroners and Militia Officers*, and alſo the Bill, 'intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation 'of Proviſions from the State of* New-Jerſey, are paſſed by this Houſe without 'Amendment.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 25, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to 'the Act, intitled, An* Act *to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to 'prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's 'Lines, without Permiſſions or Paſſports, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, 'to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this 'Houſe.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 25, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the 'Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick 'Accounts of this State*, is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee of Accounts, made the following Report:

THE Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, on ſuch publick Accounts as ſhould be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legiſlature,

lature, beg Leave to report,—That, purſuant to their Appointment, they have examined ſuch Accounts as have been referred to them, for the Payment of which no Proviſion is made by Law, and delivered the ſame to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges, and have ſettled and adjuſted ſuch other Accounts, for the Payment whereof Proviſion is already made by Law, as follows, *videlicet*,

No. 1. To the Hon. *Theunis Dey*, Eſq. for the Uſe of Lieut. *John Spear*, for a Gun and Accoutrements loſt in the Service, £. 12 : 7 : 6.

2. To the Hon. *Silas Condict*, Eſq. for the Uſe of *Willets Seaman*, a Private in *Sylvanus Seeley*'s Company, in Col. *Martin*'s Regiment in Gen. *Herd*'s Brigade, the Amount of his Pay during his Captivity, from the 10th Day of *November*, 1776, to *May* 14th, 1778, the Sum of £. 65.

3. To *Edward Bunn*, Eſq. Paymaſter for the County of *Somerſet*, appointed by the Act, intitled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thouſand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, a Balance due to him, £. 145 : 0 : 4.

4. To *John Sparks*, Eſq. for the Uſe of *John Gill*, a Commiſſioner of the Loan-Office for the County of *Glouceſter*, for carrying Loan-Office Money to the Treaſury, £. 30.

5. To Dr. *William Winants*, for Attendance and Medicine furniſhed to a Part of the Militia embodied by an Act, intitled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thouſand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, ſtationed at *Elizabeth-Town*, £. 364 : 10.

6. To *Ephraim Seeley*, Eſq. Paymaſter to the Regiment of Militia embodied by an Act, intitled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time; One Thouſand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, Balance due to him, £. 6.

7. To *Joſiah Foſter*, Eſq. for the Uſe of *Samuel Murrell*, for Board and Attendance on *Andrew Roſs*, a Private in Col. *Bodo Otto*'s Regiment of Militia, wounded in the Service, from the 19th Day of *May*, 1778, to the 10th Day of *October*, 1779, £. 219.

8. To *James Ewing*, Eſq. for the Uſe of *Reuben Newcomb*, a Soldier in Col. *Potter*'s Regiment of Militia, diſabled by Lameneſs in the Service, for Board and Nurſing, £. 192 : 7 : 6.

9. To *Zachariah Roſſell*, Eſq. the Balance of his Account, for Service and Expences in making Cartridges for the Uſe of the State, agreeably to the Reſolution of the Legiſlature of *May* 1ſt, 1779, £. 295 : 14 : 4.

10. To *Edward Bunn*, Eſq. for the Uſe of *Aaron Lane*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, for Doctor's Bills and Nurſing his Son, a Soldier in Col. *Taylor*'s Regiment of Militia, wounded in *Monmouth* County in *July* 1778, £. 1351 : 10.

11. To *Hendrick Smock*, Eſq. for the Uſe of Dr. *Thomas Barber*, for Medicines and Attendance on a Part of the Regiment of Militia embodied by Law, under the Command of Major *Eliſha Walton*, the Balance of his Account, £. 1117 : 17 : 6.

12. To *Hendrick Smock*, Eſq. for the Uſe of *John Wall*, for Nurſing a Soldier belonging to the Detachment of the Regiment of Militia embodied by Law, under the Command of Major *Walton*, £. 60.

13. To *Hendrick Smock*, Eſq. for the Uſe of *Joel Bedle*, for Boarding and Nurſing two ſick Soldiers belonging to the Detachment of the Militia embodied by Law, under the Command of Major *Walton*, for the Space of ſixteen Weeks, at £. 6 per Week, £. 96.

JOHN BUCK,
PETER WILSON.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Fithian*, ſeconded by Mr. *Baker*, for an Amendment to the fourth Article in the ſaid Report by adding immediately after the Word "To" in the firſt Line, the following Words, "*John Sparks*, Eſquire, for

"the

" the Use of" ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Fenimore*.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the eleventh Article in the said Report? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Townsend*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Ewing*.
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Broderick*.	

The House having considered the said Report,

Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed and empowered to pay to the Persons therein named the Sums allowed to them respectively.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Biddle* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Morris* reported, that Mr. *Biddle* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Townsend.*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Whilden*,	
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Gano*,	
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Ewing*,	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Broderick*.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Sparks* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Mayhew* reported, that Mr. *Sparks* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for raising the Fines and Fees of Constables*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Fithian* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the same is rejected by this House.

Resolved,

Reſolved,

That *Elias Woodruff*, Eſquire, be requeſted to call upon *Zachariah Roſſell*, Eſquire, of *Mountholly*, for the Cartridges, Lead, and other Ammunition in his Cuſtody, and to remove the ſame to the Magazine at *Princeton*, there to be by him kept and iſſued agreeably to the Reſolution of the Council and Aſſembly of the firſt Day of *May* laſt; and that his Receipt ſhall be a Diſcharge to *Zachariah Roſſell* for the Articles mentioned therein; and that the ſaid *Elias Woodruff* lay his Account of the Expences attending ſuch Removal before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting, for Allowance and Payment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Vandyke* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Vandyke* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution with them entruſted to Mr. *Holmes*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for raiſing certain Fines and Forfeitures*, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foſter* and Mr. *Fithian* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is rejected by this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 25. 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of Yeſterday, directing the Treaſurer to require the Commiſſioners and Collectors of the ſeveral Counties to pay their Arrearages, *&c.*

'*Reſolved*,

'That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of certain Articles from this State to ſuch of the adjacent States as ſhall neglect or refuſe to regulate the Prices of ſuch Articles*, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is rejected by this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 25, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to requiring the Treaſurer to call upon 'Perſons indebted to the State to diſcharge the ſame, and to pay the Balances due 'to others, as ſettled and adjuſted in Accounts ſtated by the Committee of Ac-'counts appointed by Law, *&c.*

'*Reſolved*,

'That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Reſolved,

That the Printer be directed to ſtrike off Seven Hundred and Fifty Copies of the Laws paſſed at this Sitting, and a like Number of the Journals, to be delivered agreeably to the Direction of the Reſolution of the fifth of *June*, 1779; and alſo thirty-four Copies of the Laws and eighteen Copies of the Journals, to be diſtributed as directed by the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr. *Foſter* reported, that Mr. *Fithian* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from His Excellency General *Waſhington* to the Governor, intimating the ſtrong Probability of the Enemy's Intentions to invade this State, and entreating that a Plan may be concerted to call out the whole Militia of this State in caſe of ſuch an Event, to be furniſhed with ten Days or a Fortnight's Proviſion.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Letter be committed to Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Fenimore;* and that they report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *December* 25, 1779.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue an Act, intitled, An* 'Act *to provide for the better Subſiſtence of the Troops of this State, in the Service* '*of the United States*, and alſo the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for defraying ſundry* '*Incidental Charges*, are paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

Reſolved,

That *Iſaac Collins*, Printer, be directed to ſtrike off immediately One Hundred Copies of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State;* and that he be requeſted to employ two Expreſſes, one for the Eaſtern and the other for the Weſtern Part of the State, to carry the ſame when printed to the ſeveral Counties, to be delivered to the Member of Council or to either of the Members of the Aſſembly of each reſpective County; and that he lay an Account of the Expences attending the ſame before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting, for their Allowance and Payment.

Reſolved,

That the Printer be requeſted to employ Perſons to convey the Laws as ſoon as printed to the ſeveral Counties, to be delivered as directed in the above Reſolution; and that he lay an Account of the Expences attending the ſame before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting, for their Allowance and Payment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the ſaid Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sharp* reported, that Mr. *Sebring* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolutions and Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Martin*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Sunday, December 26, 1779.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the following Reſolutions:

WHEREAS His Excellency General *Waſhington* has ſignified to the Legiſlature that there is a ſtrong Probability by the Preparations and preſent Appearances of the Enemy that they are meditating an Invaſion againſt this State, requeſting in ſuch Caſe that the Whole of the Militia thereof may be called out to oppoſe them, with Proviſions for each Man for fourteen Days: And whereas it is neceſſary

neceſſary that Meaſures be taken for the moſt vigorous Exertions in caſe of ſuch an Emergency, that the Force of the State be immediately drawn out for the common Defence thereof;

Reſolved,

That in caſe the Whole or any Part of the Militia of this State ſhall, before the End of the next Sitting of the Legiſlature, be called into actual Service for the Defence of the State againſt the common Enemy, and ſhall be required to carry their own Proviſions with them, ſuch Officer, non-commiſſioned Officer and Private, who ſhall furniſh himſelf with Proviſions, ſhall be allowed therefor, over and above the preſent Pay and Bounty, the Sum of *Ten Dollars* per Day for each Day he ſo furniſhes himſelf, in Lieu of Rations; to be paid in every Caſe by the Paymaſter appointed to pay the Militia, being annexed to their Payroll, and properly certified and authenticated.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Bond given by *John Stevens*, jun. Treaſurer of this State, to His Excellency the Governor and his Succeſſors, for the Uſe of the State, with Security in the Sum of *Twenty Thouſand Pounds* for the due Execution of his Office; which Bond having been read,

Reſolved,

That the Houſe do approve of the ſaid Bond and Security.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Mott* do carry the ſaid Bond to the Council, for their Approbation.

Whereas ſome of the Beacons erected in this State have been burned, and others may be decayed or out of Repair;

Reſolved,

That His Excellency the Governor and the Privy-Council be requeſted to employ proper Perſons to repair the ſaid Beacons, and to erect others in ſuch Places as may be moſt convenient for that Purpoſe; and that he lay an Account of the Expences attending the ſame, or for eſtabliſhing any other conventional Signal, before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting, for their Allowance and Payment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 25, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Reſolution of the Houſe
'of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to directing the Treaſurer to pay to the
'ſeveral Perſons ſeveral Sums of Money reported to be due to them by the Com-
'mittee of publick Accounts;

'*Reſolved*,

'That the Houſe concur in the ſame.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 25, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Reſolution from the Houſe
'of Aſſembly, relative to directing the Printer to ſtrike off Seven Hundred
'and Fifty Copies of the Laws paſſed this Sitting, *&c.* and requeſting him to
'employ Perſons to convey the Laws as ſoon as printed to the ſeveral Counties;

'*Reſolved*,

'That the Houſe concur therein.'

Ordered,

That the Speaker do iſſue his Order to the High Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*

Cumberland to hold an Election in said County for a Person properly qualified to represent the same in the General Assembly, in the Room of *James Ewing*, Esquire, whose Seat is become vacated by his Acceptance of an Office of Profit under the Government.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Mott* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself had delivered the Resolutions and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *December* 26, 1779.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to fixing Beacons, and also giving an additional Bounty, in Lieu of Rations, to the Militia if called into actual Service before the End of the next Sitting of the Legislature;

'*Resolved*,

'That the House concur therein.'

The House adjourned to meet at *Trenton* on *Wednesday* the sixteenth Day of *February* next.

BY VIRTUE of an ORDER of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of *New-Jersey*, I DO hereby appoint *Isaac Collins*, of *Trenton*, to print these Votes.

CALEB CAMP, Speaker.

N. 84. Dan'l Bradley

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE

OF

NEW-JERSEY,

At a SESSION begun at *Trenton* on the 26th Day of *October*, 1779, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE SECOND SITTING OF THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY.

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TRENTON, Wedneſday, February 16, 1780.

PURSUANT to Adjournment from the laſt Sitting, ſundry Members met; and, not being a Quorum to proceed on Buſineſs—adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Thurſday, February 17, 1780.

The Members in Town met purſuant to Adjournment; and, not being a Quorum, (the Members being prevented from attending by the Difficulties of travelling,) adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Friday, February 18, 1780.

The Speaker and the Members in Town met purſuant to Adjournment; and, not yet being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Saturday, February 19, 1780.

The Members in Town met purſuant to Adjournment: and, not yet being a Quorum, adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, February 21, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* do wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Aſſembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Buſineſs.

Reſolved, That *Robert Robinſon* be Door-keeper during the preſent Sitting.

A Memorial from *John Conway*, of the firſt *Jerſey* Regiment, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that he was appointed to act as Lieutenant-Colonel in the firſt *Jerſey* Regiment, by General *Sullivan*, on the weſtern Expedition; and praying that the Legiſlature would give him that Rank, and order him to be commiſſioned accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Morris* reported, that Mr. *Van-Cleve* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Deare*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Neilſon* be a Committee to inſpect the Journals, and report ſuch Buſineſs as ſtands referred, or remains unfiniſhed from the laſt Sitting.

Joſeph Hildreth, Eſquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Cape-May*, appeared in the Houſe, and produced a Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Fenimore*, one of the Commiſſioners appointed by a Reſolution of the Legiſlature of the 14th of *December* laſt, to meet the Commiſſioners of the other States from *New-Hampſhire* to *Virginia*, incluſive, in a Convention to be held at *Philadelphia*, on the firſt *Wedneſday* in *January* laſt, to confer and agree on the Allowance proper to be made on imported Articles, for Freight, Inſurance and other Charges, and on ſuch other Meaſures as might be moſt likely to render the Plan recommended by Congreſs for a general Limitation of Prices effectual throughout the Union, reported as follows:

YOUR Commiſſioners appointed to meet the Commiſſioners of the States of *New-Hampſhire*, *Maſſachuſetts*, *Rhode-Iſland*, *Connecticut*, *New-York*, *Pennſylvania*, *Delaware*, *Maryland* and *Virginia*, in Convention at *Philadelphia*, on the firſt *Wedneſday* in *January* laſt, in Purſuance of a Recommendation of the Convention of Commiſſioners from the five eaſtern States convened at *Hartford*, on the twentieth Day of *October* laſt, beg Leave to report—That we attended agreeably to the ſaid Recommendation; and, after waiting near three Weeks for the Arrival of the reſpective Commiſſioners, and none attending from the States of *Maſſachuſetts*, *Rhode-Iſland* and *Virginia*, and it being the Opinion of a Majority of the Members preſent, that the Convention were not authorized to make any Determination on the Subject-Matter of their Appointment, unleſs all the States mentioned in the ſaid Recommendation were repreſented: We are therefore under the diſagreeable Neceſſity of returning without doing any Thing to anſwer the good Purpoſes of our Appointment; ſince which Time we are informed the Commiſſioners from the States of *Maſſachuſetts* and *Rhode-Iſland* have attended; and by an authenticated Copy of the Proceedings of the Convention, ſeven States being repreſented, they have adjourned to meet at *Philadelphia*, on the fourth Day

of

of *April* next; the Propriety or Impropriety of ſending Commiſſioners on the Part of this State to meet on the aforeſaid Day, we ſubmit to the Determination of the Legiſlature.

SILAS CONDICT,
THOMAS FENIMORE.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *February* 21, 1780.
'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that a ſufficient Number of Members to make a Houſe have met, and 'this Day proceeded to Buſineſs.'

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Smock* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill to ſuſpend an Act, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Carmichael* be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

The Petition of *Simeon Iſzard*, of the County of *Cape-May*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that his Houſe has been unfortunately burned, by which Means his Deeds and other Writings, by which his Lands were ſecured to him, were likewiſe conſumed; and praying that a Law may be enacted to veſt the Title of his Lands in him, his Heirs and Aſſigns.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tueſday, February 22, 1780.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with ſundry Reſolutions of Congreſs, one of the 13th *January*, 1780, containing the Regulations adopted relative to Priſoners of War, whether taken by Continental Troops, or captured by the Armies of any particular State, either by Sea or Land.

Alſo, an Act of Congreſs of the 14th of *January*, recommending to the Legiſlatures of the ſeveral States to make Proviſion, where not already made, for conferring like Privileges and Immunities on the Subjects of His Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, as are granted to the Subjects and Inhabitants of the United States, by the Articles of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce.

Alſo, a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 20th of *January*, together with an Extract of Intelligence therein referred to, in order that the moſt effectual Meaſures may be adopted to prevent the ruinous Practices of ſupplying the Enemy with Proviſions.

Likewiſe, a Letter from His Excellency the Preſident of Congreſs of the 10th Inſtant, with the Reſolution of Congreſs of the 9th, requiring the ſeveral States to furniſh by Draught or otherwiſe, for the enſuing Campaign, on or before the firſt Day of *April* next, their reſpective Deficiencies of Thirty-five Thouſand Two Hundred and Eleven Men, excluſive of commiſſioned Officers, which Congreſs deem neceſſary for the Service of the preſent Year; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Cook* attended, and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for ſuſpending the Operation of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of Lieutenant *John Vandyke*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he had been in the Service of the United States ever ſince the 20th of *April*, 1776, and had never drawn any Thing of Conſequence from the State, and praying that he may be ſupplied in the ſame Manner as the Officers of the *Jerſey* Brigade.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time, with the Reſolution of Congreſs of the 9th *February*, 1780.

A Petition of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates for the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that they, the ſaid Commiſſioners, had obtained final Judgment againſt the Eſtate of a certain Perſon of ſaid County, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, which was given him by his Father on Condition that the Son ſhould pay to his Siſters one Half the Value of the ſaid Farm, at the Deceaſe of the Father; which Eſtate the Father, ſince dead, hath aſſumed to diſpoſe of by Will in a very different Manner; for which Reaſon the Sale of the ſaid Eſtate hath not been compleated, and praying Inſtructions how to proceed.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be referred to the Law for their Direction.

The Petition of a Number of Widows, Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, was preſented and read, complaining, that they have been claſſed and taxed, by Virtue of an Act, intitled, *An* Act *to embody, for a limited Time, One Thouſand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, and praying an Exemption in ſimilar Caſes in Future.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, was preſented and read, praying that ſome Meaſure may be deviſed for Payment of the Certificates given to them, and others, by the Continental Agents, for Grain and other Produce, that they may be enabled to pay their Taxes impoſed by the State.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, was preſented and read, praying that ſome Meaſure may be deviſed for Payment for their Subſtance and Services afforded to the Publick; or that Proviſion may be made by Law that the Certificates or Vouchers they receive for the ſame, be admitted in the Payment of their Taxes.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *John Rubard*, of the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that his Deeds for a certain Houſe and Lot in *Grigg's-Town*, in ſaid County, was plundered or taken from his Houſe by the *Britiſh* Troops; and praying that his Title to ſaid Houſe and Lot may be confirmed by Law.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerſet* and *Middleſex*, was preſented and read, praying that ſome Meaſure may be deviſed for Payment of the Certificates given them by the Continental Agents; or that the Legiſlature would paſs a Law declaring the ſaid Certificates to be a lawful Tender in the Payment of the Tax now raiſing in the ſaid Counties.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Newark* and *Acquackanonck*,

Acquackanonck, in the County of *Eſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that they are intereſted in an undivided Tract of Land, ſituated in the ſaid Townſhips, containing 3600 Acres; one-fourth Part of which, late the Property of *Vincent-Pierce Aſhfield*, has been ſold by the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates for the County of *Eſſex*; by which Sale ſeveral of the Petitioners hold their Right, that very great Diſputes and Difficulties have ariſen from Multiplicity of Intereſts and Variety of Claims; and praying that an Act may be paſſed appointing Commiſſioners to divide the ſaid Tract among the ſeveral Proprietors, according to their reſpective Shares.

Reſolved, That the Houſe are of Opinion, that it is moſt proper that the Petitioners apply for Relief in the Premiſes according to the common and known Courſe of the Law.

Reſolved, That His Excellency the Governor be deſired to write to His Excellency General *Waſhington*, by Expreſs, and requeſt the General to tranſmit to him, for the Uſe of the Legiſlature, accurate Returns of the Troops now in the Service, belonging or credited to the Quota of this State, agreeably to the ſeveral Reſolutions of Congreſs of the fifteenth of *March* laſt, and of the ninth Day of *February* Inſtant, that Meaſures may be taken to complete the Quota of Troops of this State.

Reſolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requeſted to apply to General *Maxwell* for a particular Return of the Officers of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, and their Rank at the Time of the late Arrangement upon the Reduction of the fourth Regiment; and alſo of the preſent State and Rank of the Officers of the ſaid Brigade, therein ſpecifying thoſe who were reduced on the ſaid Arrangement, or have ſince reſigned.

Reſolved, That the Legiſlature will make Proviſion for the Payment of any Expence the Governor may be put to in complying with the foregoing Reſolutions.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Cook* do carry the above Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Cook* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Cooper*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Mott* be a Committee to inſpect and correct the Journals of the Houſe.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for ſuſpending the Operation of an Act, intitled, An Act for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, was read the ſecond Time and debated: A Motion was made by Mr. *Carmichael*, ſeconded by Mr. *Neilſon*, for an Amendment to the ſecond Section, by ſtriking out the Words *at leaſt ſeven Members of*; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Hopkins*,
Mr. Cook,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Broderick.*
Mr. Carmichael.			

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, February 23, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the laſt Sitting, and report what Buſineſs ſtands referred, or remains unfiniſhed, reported as follows:

1ſt. THE Petition of *David Smalley* and *Iſaac Moore*, praying a Title to certain Lands by them purchaſed of *Joſeph Moore*, deceaſed, was referred for further Conſideration from the laſt Seſſion.

2d. A Letter from the Board of War to the Clothier-General, reſpecting Clothing for the Army, and a letter from the Clothier-General to the Governor conſequent thereon, were ordered a ſecond Reading at the laſt Seſſion.

3d. A Letter from General *Waſhington* to the Governor, reſpecting the Clothing of the Troops, and further Proviſion for the Officers, and a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 10th *September*, reſpecting the Clothing of the Troops, were ordered to be read with the foregoing Article at the laſt Seſſion.

4th. The Petition of *Jane Demareſt*, praying that the Eſtate of her Huſband, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, may, for certain Reaſons, deſcend to her Children, was referred from the laſt Seſſion.

5th. The Petition of the Townſhip of *Wantage*, in the County of *Suſſex*, praying Relief from the Burden of maintaining the Wife and Children of *Solomon Cartwright*, a Fugitive with the Enemy, was referred from the laſt Seſſion.

6th. The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Somerſet*, in Favonr of *Adam Smith*, was referred from the laſt Seſſion.

7th. The Petition of *David Van-Buſſe*, a Lieutenant, and *John Van-Buſſe*, a Private in the Militia of the County of *Bergen*, taken Priſoners by the Enemy on the 13th Day of *May*, 1777, praying Pay during their Captivity, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

8th. The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 28th *June* laſt, reſpecting filling up vacant Offices in the Army, was read the ſecond Time, and referred for further Conſideration.

9th. The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 23d *July* laſt, recommending to the ſeveral Legiſlatures to make Proviſion for the Preſervation of the Buildings belonging to, and Land occupied for the Service of the United States, within their reſpective Juriſdictions, was read, and ordered to be advertiſed four Weeks ſucceſſively in each of the publick News-Papers of the State; with Notice to all Perſons having the Charge of ſuch Buildings, &c. to repreſent the State of the ſame, in order that a Law may be enacted agreeably to the Tenor of the ſaid Reſolution.

10th. The Petition of *John Seward*, praying a Title to certain Lands purchaſed by him from *Peter Tice*, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

11th. The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act for clearing and removing the ſeveral Obſtructions to the free Courſe of the Water in* Paſſaick *River*, &c. was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

12th. The Petition from 441 Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, praying that a Remonſtrance may be preſented to Congreſs by the Legiſlature, on the ſubject of opening an Office for the Sale of vacant and unappropriated Lands for the Benefit of the United States, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

13th. The Bill, intitled, *An Act to diſcharge from their Appointment* Samuel Forman, Joſeph Lawrence *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *three of the Commiſſioners appointed for taking Charge of, and ſelling the forfeited Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders in the County of* Monmouth, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

14th.

14th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for amending and eſtabliſhing the Charter of the College of* New-Jerſey, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

15th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

16th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for incorporating ſundry of the Inhabitants of the weſtern Part of the Townſhip of* Newark, *in the County of* Eſſex, *as Truſtees for the Community, by the Name of* The Truſtees of the ſecond Preſbyterian *Church in* Newark, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

17th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to maintain and eſtabliſh the Mill-Dam erected by* Charles Suydam, *on the North Side of* Raritan *River near* Raritan *Landing, in the County of* Middleſex, and the Memorial and Remonſtrance againſt the ſame, were read; and the Petitioners heard with their Evidences for and againſt the ſaid Bill; but no Determination thereon made.

18th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſuppreſs the Growing Evils of Horſeracing and Foxhunting*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

19th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act for ſtriking £.* 100,000 *in Bills of Credit, and directing the Mode for ſinking the ſame*, paſſed the 11th *March*, 1774, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

20th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Edward Annelly, *reſpecting the Loſs of a Houſe and Lot of Land he had purchaſed from* George Howard, *which was afterwards ſold by the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

21ſt. The Committee to whom was committed the Reſolutions of Congreſs, of the 12th and 16th of *November* laſt, reported, that the Artificers enliſted in this State, in the Service of the United States, ought to be ſupplied in the ſame Manner as the Officers and Soldiers of the Line, when Returns ſhould be made by the Board of War to the Legiſlature for that Purpoſe; to which the Houſe agreed, but Nothing further was done on that Head.

22d. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of Meeting of the Juſtices and Freeholders in the County of* Hunterdon, was ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

23d. The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to, and veſting in the State of New-Jerſey, the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

24th. The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Farming of publick Offices, or transferring, by Deputation, the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

25th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to procure an Eſtimate of the Damages ſuſtained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the Waſte and Spoil committed by the Troops in the Service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the neighbouring States*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

26th. The Petition of *John Dennis*, of *New-Brunſwick*, praying that the Amount of his Demands againſt ſuch Eſtates as have been forfeited to the Uſe of the State may be paid, by allowing him an Equivalent to the Depreciation, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

27th. The Petition of *John Gill, Joſeph Hugg* and *John Griffith*, Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office for the County of *Glouceſter*, praying to be indemnified for the Sum of 240 *Dollars* Counterfeit Money, received by them in Payment of Money lent out of ſaid Office, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

28th. The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent Treſpaſſing with Guns*, was reported, with ſundry Amendments, and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

29th. A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Reſo-

lution of the Aſſembly of *New-York*, relative to Abuſes committed by plundering Parties, on the Inhabitants of *Long-Iſland* and other Places in Poſſeſſion of the Enemy; with a Letter from Governor *Clinton*, were read, and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

30th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia; and the ſupplementary Act thereto*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

31ſt. The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 7th of *October*, 1779, recommending to the ſeveral States, to direct their Treaſurers to tranſmit to Congreſs, on the firſt Day of every Month, Returns of the Sums they have reſpectively received for ſupplying the Continental Treaſury; was read, and no Order made thereon.

32d. A Memorial of the *Firſtday Baptiſt* Church Incorporate in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying a Law to confirm and eſtabliſh a Charter granted them by Governor *Livingſton*, in *March*, 1778, was read, and referred to this Sitting.

33d. The Petition of Colonel *Holmes* and Major *Walton*, of the County of *Monmouth*, praying that a Paymaſter of the Militia may be appointed in ſaid County, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

34th. The Petition of 72 Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying that a Remonſtrance may be ſent to Congreſs by the Legiſlature, on the Subject of opening an Office for the Sale of the unappropriated or vacant Lands, for the Benefit of the United States, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

35th. The Bill from Council, intitled, *An* Act *to ſuſpend* Samuel Forman *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *two of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates in the County of* Monmouth, *from acting further in the ſaid Office*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

36th. A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, and others, praying that a Supplement may be paſſed to the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for building and maintaining a Bridge over* Coopers *Creek; and re-building and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from* Burlington *County to* Coopers *Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from* Burlington *to the ſaid Ferries in Repairs*; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

37th. A Memorial from *Theodoſia Provoſt*, praying that the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates for the County of *Bergen* may be ſtayed, relative to the Eſtate of her Huſband, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the *Britiſh* Service; was ordered to be poſtponed to this Sitting.

38th. A Reſolution of Council for authorizing the Attorney-General to commence an Action, in Behalf of the State, for at leaſt £.100,000 Damages, againſt the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates for the County of *Monmouth*, for Neglect of Duty, and illegal Conduct in the Execution of their Office; was referred to this Sitting.

PETER WILSON,
JOHN NEILSON.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, reported as follows:

1ſt. THAT the ſupplementary Act to the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for preventing the Waſte of Timber, Pine, Cedar Trees, and Poles within this Province of* New-Jerſey, *and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogſhead Staves exported out of the ſame to any of the neighbouring Colonies*, expired at the End of the laſt Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

2d. An Act for making Proceſs in Courts of Equity effectual againſt Mortgagers who abſcond and cannot be ſerved therewith, or who refuſe to appear, expired the firſt of *January* laſt.

3d. An Act for rebuilding, repairing and maintaining the Drawbridge over *Croſſwicks*

Croſſwicks Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, and for repairing the Cauſeway adjoining ſaid Bridge, expired at the End of the laſt Seſſion.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
ALEXANDER CARMICHAEL.

On the Queſtion, Whether the firſt Act in the above Report is expired agreeably to the ſaid Report? It paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Wilſon*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Morris*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Baker*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Hopkins*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Broderick.*	*Mr. Mayhew*,
			Mr. Thompſon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Fenimore* be a Committee to bring in the Draught of a Bill to amend and revive the ſaid Act.

The Houſe having conſidered the ſecond Article of the ſaid Report,

Reſolved, That it appears unneceſſary at this Time to revive the Law therein mentioned.

The Houſe having conſidered the third Article in the ſaid Report,

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Foſter* be a Committee to revive and amend the Act therein mentioned.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for ſuſpending the Operation of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Baker* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Thompſon* reported, that Mr. *Baker* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

A Petition from *Henry Beedell*, of the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he had bargained with *Joſeph Barton*, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, for a certain Piece of Land, for the Conſideration of *One Hundred and Five Pounds* Proclamation Money; and that they had reciprocally ſigned Articles of Agreement for that Purpoſe; and praying that a good Title for ſaid Land may be made unto him, his Heirs and Aſſigns.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be referred to the Law.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition of *William Hough*, of the County of *Burlington*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that great Waſte, Treſpaſs and Damages committed on ſundry Tracts of Pine-Land and Cedar-Swamp, in Poſſeſſion of the Petitioner; that the Penalty inflicted on Perſons cutting Trees, *&c.* by the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for preventing the Waſte of Timber*, &c. and the ſupplementary Act thereto, is inadequate to the Treſpaſs; and that the laſt-mentioned Act is expired by its own Limitation; and praying that a Law may be enacted inflicting a Penalty of *Forty Pounds* for committing ſuch Treſpaſs as is mentioned in the above-recited Act.

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Committee appointed to amend and revive the above-recited Act.

A Petition of *William Hough*, of the County of *Burlington*, was preſented and read,

read, ſetting forth the Hardſhips of being taxed for unimproved Lands and other Articles, from which no Profit is derived; praying that Taxes may not be laid upon Property productive of no Advantage to the Owners.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

Whereas His Excellency the Governor has laid before the Legiſlature ſundry Charges exhibited againſt *Sylvanus Seeley*, Colonel of the firſt Regiment of Militia, of the County of *Morris*; and requeſted their Determination as to the Mode of Trial, whether by Impeachment or by a Court-Martial:

Reſolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requeſted to call a Court-Martial as ſoon as poſſible, for the Trial of Colonel *Sylvanus Seeley*.

Reſolved, That the Legiſlature will make Proviſion for the Payment of all reaſonable and neceſſary Expences of the Members, Witneſſes and others, neceſſarily attending at ſuch Court; and that His Excellency be requeſted to lay an Account of the ſame before the Legiſlature for that Purpoſe, as ſoon as poſſible after they are incurred.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Foſter* do wait on the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Thurſday, February 24, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, February* 24, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for ſuſpending the Operation of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.'

Which Bill, with the Amendments being read in their Places, and conſidered,

Reſolved, That the Houſe agree to the ſecond and third of the ſaid Amendments, and diſagree to the other.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sparks*, Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Hornblower*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Council-Chamber, February* 22, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, by Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Cook*, relative to requeſting the Governor to apply to General *Waſhington* and General *Maxwell*, for accurate Returns of the Troops in Service, *&c.*'

Reſolved, That the Houſe concur in the ſeveral Reſolutions therein contained.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from the Honourable *Thomas M'Kean*, Eſquire, Chief Juſtice of the Commonwealth of *Pennſylvania*, to the Honourable *David Brearley*, Eſquire, Chief Juſtice of this State, and Judge *Brearley*'s Letter to the Governor conſequent thereon, were read; repreſenting that ſundry Perſons, Subjects of this State, charged with counterfeiting the Currency of the United States, and other Crimes committed in this State, are now confined in Gaol in different Parts of the State of *Pennſylvania*; that there is no Law of this State authorizing any publick Officers to ſend for

Criminals

Criminals from any of the neighbouring States that they may be brought to Trial in their reſpective Counties, and recommending to the Legiſlature to enact a Law for that Purpoſe; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Baker* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Supplement to the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for apprehending and delivering up to Juſtice, all Perſons reſiding or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Mr. *Sharp* reported, that Mr. *Foſter* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to Mr. *Holmes*, a Member of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Petition of *David Van-Buſſe*, a Lieutenant, and *John Van-Buſſe*, a Private in the Militia of the County of *Bergen*, taken Priſoners by the Enemy, on the 13th Day of *May*, 1777, praying Pay during their Captivity, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to, and veſting in, the State of* New-Jerſey, *the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and ſatisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made againſt, ſuch Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Sparks*, Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Smock*.

The Petition of *John Seward*, praying a Title to certain Lands purchaſed by him from *Peter Tice*, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the laſt mentioned Committee.

The Petition of the Legatees of *Cornelius Johnſon*, late of *Kingwood*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that they had petitioned a former Aſſembly for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend certain Deficiencies in the Laſt Will and Teſtament of the aforeſaid *Cornelius Johnſon*, occaſioned by the Inaccuracy of the Clerk who wrote the ſaid Will; and praying to be indulged to lay the true State of the Caſe before the Legiſlature.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Freehold*, in the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that through Sickneſs in the Family of the Collector of the ſaid Townſhip, extreme cold Weather, and unexpected Delay in making out the Duplicates they had been diſappointed in paying the Loan-Office and Convention-Money they were poſſeſſed of in Part of their Tax, agreeably to the Directions of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for calling out of Circulation, and for ſinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilſt the ſame was a Colony*, and praying Relief; was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, February 25, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Seabrook*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for rebuilding, repairing and maintaining the Drawbridge over* Croſſwicks *Creek*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Stelle* appeared, and took his Seat in the Houſe.

The Petition of 441 Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, praying that a

Remonſtrance may be preſented to Congreſs by the Legiſlature, on the Subject of opening an Office for the Sale of vacant and unappropriated Lands, for the Benefit of the United States. And likewiſe the Petition of 72 Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, on the ſame Subject, were read:

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions be poſtponed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge from their Appointment* Samuel Forman, Joſeph Lawrence *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *three of the Commiſſioners appointed for taking charge of and ſelling the forfeited Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, in the County of* Monmouth, was read the ſecond Time, and after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for amending and eſtabliſhing the Charter of the College of* New-Jerſey, was read the ſecond Time and debated,

Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read a ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be engroſſed? It was carried in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente.*

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſuppreſs the growing Evils of Horſeracing and Fox-hunting*, was read a ſecond Time, and debated;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a third Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for ſtriking* One Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, and directing the Mode for ſinking the ſame, paſſed the 11th Day of* March, 1774, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Fenimore.*

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Cooper.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, February* 24, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for ſuſpending the Ope-*
'*ration of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for limiting the Prices of various Articles,*
'*and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, to the Houſe of
'Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe have receded from their firſt
'Amendment to the ſaid Bill, and rejected by the Houſe of Aſſembly.'

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and agreed to by this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for amending and eſtabliſhing the Charter of the College of* New-Jerſey, was read and compared,

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Hildreth* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Edward Annelly, *reſpecting the Loſs of a Houſe and Lot he had purchaſed from* George Howard, *which was afterwards ſold by the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Supplement to the Confiſcation Act.

Saturday, February 26, 1780.

The Houſe met.

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The re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for ſuſpending the Operation of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for limiting the Prices of various Articles, and to prevent the Withholding from Sale the Neceſſaries of Life*, was read and compared,

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Hildreth* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe with their Amendments.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for apprehending and delivering up to Juſtice, all Perſons reſiding or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Seabrook* reported, that Mr. *Hildreth* and himſelf had delivered the two Bills and Meſſages with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of Meeting of the Juſtices and Freeholders in the County of* Hunterdon, was read a ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Farming of publick Offices, or transferring, by Deputation, the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Agreeable to Leave given, Mr. *Neilſon*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, preſented a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Pidgeon-Swamp, Marſhes and Ponds adjoining the ſame, in the County of* Middleſex, South-Brunſwick, *more effectually to open, and continue to be kept open, a certain Watercourſe and Ditch, for draining the ſaid Swamp, Marſh and Ponds, by a Tax on the Proprietors of the ſame, as far as they are or may be benefited by the Work done to ſaid Watercourſe and Ditch*, which was read;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the Hardſhips of receiving the Continental Currency in the Payment of Debts contracted before the Depreciation began; and praying Relief; Whereupon

A Motion was made by Mr. *Baker*, ſeconded by Mr. *Biddle*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to remedy the Grievance complained of by the Petitioners; which was carried in the Affirmative; on which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Blanch*, ſeconded by Mr. *Broderick*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Hopkins*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Broderick*.
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Carmichael*.		

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Biddle*, be a Committee for that Purpoſe; and that the ſaid Petition be referred to them.

A Letter from His Excellency General *Waſhington* to the Governor, encloſing the Returns of the Number of non-commiſſioned Officers and Privates, ſerving in ſundry different Corps of the Army enliſted in this State, the Corps to which they belong, and the Time of Expiration of their Service; and ſtating the probable

bable Amount of the Number of Men requiſite to be raiſed in this State, agreeably to the Reſolution of Congreſs of the 9th of *February*, 1780, was read; whereupon

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Hornblower*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for compleating the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, February 28, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tueſday, February 29, 1780.

The Houſe met.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of *Hunterdon*, in Favour of *Rezine Anderſon*, the Widow of *Ephraim Anderſon*, deceaſed, late a Captain in the ſecond Regiment of *New-Jerſey*, in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Rezine Anderſon*, for the Sum of *Twenty Dollars*, monthly, being the Amount of the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of *Hunterdon*, in Favour of *Mary Cade*, the Widow of *John Cade*, late a Soldier in Captain *Joſeph Brearley*'s Company, of the 2d *Jerſey* Regiment, in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Mary Cade*, for the Sum of *One Pound Five Shillings* per Month, being the Amount of the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of *Burlington*, in Favour of *Mary Sutton*, the Widow of *Robert Sutton*, deceaſed, late a Soldier in Captain *Carlile*'s Company, in the firſt Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Burlington*, in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Mary Sutton*, for the Sum of *One Pound Five Shillings* per Month, being the Amount of the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of *Hunterdon*, in Favour of *John* and *Peter Merſhon*, for Children of *Aaron Merſhon*, deceaſed, late a Soldier in Colonel *Johnſon*'s Regiment of this State, in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *John* and *Peter Merſhon*, for the Sum of *One Pound Five Shillings* per Month, being the Amount of the Half-pay of their deceaſed Father, until the youngeſt of the ſaid two Children arrive at the Age of eight Years.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower and direct the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office, in the reſpective Counties*

Counties, in the State of New-Jerſey, *to pay certain Monies by them received into the Treaſury*, reported the ſame, with ſundry Amendments; which Bill was read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, praying that ſome Meaſure may be deviſed for Payment of the Certificates given them by the Continental Agents; or that the Legiſlature would paſs a Law declaring the ſaid Certificates to be a lawful Tender in Payment of Taxes; and alſo, the Petitions from the Counties of *Bergen*, *Somerſet* and *Middleſex*, on the ſame Subject, were read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Mott*, and Mr. *Van-Cleve*; and that they report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe.

The Petition of *David Smally* and *Iſaac Moore*, praying a Title to certain Lands by them purchaſed of *Joſeph Morſe*, deceaſed, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted? It paſſed in the Negative.

A Letter from the Board of War to the Clothier-General, reſpecting Clothing for the Army; and a Letter from the Clothier-General to the Governor, conſequent thereon; and likewiſe a Letter from General *Waſhington* to the Governor, reſpecting the Clothing of the Troops, and further Proviſion for the Officers; and a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 10th *September*, reſpecting the Clothing of the Troops, were read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Petition of *Jane Demareſt*, praying that the Eſtate of her Huſband, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, may, for certain Reaſons, deſcend to her Children, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee to whom was committed the Supplement to the Confiſcation Act; whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sharp*, ſeconded by Mr. *Fenimore*, that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to introduce a Section into the ſaid Bill, for ſuſpending the Sales of ſuch Real Eſtates as have been, or may be, forfeited to this State, by Virtue of the Act, intitled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and veſting in, the State of* New-Jerſey, *the Real Eſtate of certain Fugitives and Offenders*, &c. which was carried in the Affirmative; on which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Carmichael*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Hopkins*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Thompſon.*
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Broderick.*		

The Petition of the Townſhip of *Wantage*, in the County of *Suſſex*, praying Relief from the Burden of maintaining the Wife and Children of *Solomon Cartwright*, a Fugitive with the Enemy; and alſo, the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Somerſet*, in Favour of *Adam Smith*; were read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Supplement to the Confiſcation Act.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 28th *June* laſt, reſpecting filling up vacant Officers in the Army; and alſo the Anſwer of Congreſs of the ſame Date, to

His Excellency the Governor, on Occasion of the Representation of the Legislature of this State to them, dated the 11th *May*, 1779, were read;

Ordered, That the said Resolution and Answer be committed to Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Thompson*; and that they report their Opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. *Low* appeared, and took his Seat in the House.

Jonathan Bowen, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, appeared in the House, and produced a Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

The Resolution of Congress of the 23d *July* last, recommending to the several Legislatures to make Provision for the Preservation of the Buildings belonging to, and Lands occupied for, the Service of the United States, within their respective Jurisdictions, was read;

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Fithian*, Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Sexton*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpose in the said Resolution recommended.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, March 1, 1780.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Inhabitants of the western Part of the Township of* Newark, *in the County of* Essex, *as Trustees for the Community, by the Name of* The Trustees of the second *Presbyterian* Church in *Newark*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill, it was carried in the Negative; on which the Yeas and Nays being required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*:

Yeas.	Yea.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Broderick*.	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Hornblower,		*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Baker,		*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Neilson,		*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Sparks,		*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,
Mr. Cook,		*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Carmichael,		*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Fithian,		*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Thompson*,
			Mr. Hopkins.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, that the said Bill be referred over to the next Sitting, which was carried in the Affirmative; on which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Hornblower*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Bowen*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Hildreth*.
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Thompson*,	*Mr. Foster*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Hopkins*,		
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Broderick*.		
Mr. Sparks,			
Mr. Van-Cleve,			

Mr. *Kitchel* appeared, and took his Seat in the House.

The Report of the Committee to whom was committed the Resolutions of Congress

Congreſs of the 12th and 16th of *November* laſt, recommending that the Artificers enliſted in this State, and in the Service of the United States, ſhould be ſupplied in the ſame Manner as the Officers and Soldiers of the Line, when Returns ſhould be made by the Board of War to the Legiſlature for that Purpoſe; and the Reſolution of Congreſs therein referred to, were read and conſidered; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Foſter*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Van-Cleve*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Supplement to the Bill, intitled, *An Act to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raiſed, or to be raiſed in this State, for the Service of the United States; and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Baker*, ſeconded by Mr. *Mott*, that a Queſtion be taken, whether it be the Opinion of this Houſe, that it is inconſiſtent with the Conſtitution of this State for a Member who holds a Seat in this Houſe to hold alſo the Office of an Aſſeſſor; on which the previous Queſtion was moved by Mr. *Sharp*, ſeconded by Mr. *Fithian*, which was carried in the Negative: Whereupon the main Queſtion being put, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cook*,		
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,		
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Broderick*.		

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 1, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of Perſons conſcientiouſly ſcru-* 'pulous of taking an Oath, is negatived by this Houſe.'

Mr. *Brookfield* appeared, and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Petitions from the Counties of *Morris*, *Bergen*, *Somerſet* and *Middleſex*, reported as follows:

THAT the Committee had taken into Conſideration the Subject-Matter of the ſaid Petitions, and thereupon are of Opinion,

1ſt. That a Reſolution be entered into by the Council and Aſſembly, requiring the Delegates of this State immediately to move for, and procure a Reſolution of Congreſs, authorizing the Legiſlature to diſcharge the Debts due for the Supplies lately furniſhed on the Requiſition of His Excellency General *Waſhington*, by the Inhabitants of *New-Jerſey* to the Army, when they were diſtreſſed for Want of Proviſions, as far as the Money in the Treaſury of the State, raiſed for the Uſe of the United States, will go; and if the ſaid Money ſhould be inſufficient for the full Diſcharge of the ſame, that ſome other Fund be provided by ſuch Reſolution, and therein charged with the Remainder of the ſaid Debts.

2d. That a Committee be appointed to draw an Addreſs to Congreſs, therein repreſenting that as nearly the whole Surplus beyond a Sufficiency to ſubſiſt the Inhabitants of the Products and Manufactures of *New-Jerſey*, have been neceſſarily ſupplied to the Army, acting in or near this State, and a very conſiderable Proportion of the Labour and Service of the Inhabitants rendered in military Duty, or in aiding the Army, or forwarding their Supplies; and alſo large Sums of Money ſent out of the State for procuring Clothing and Articles of Subſiſtence

sistence for the Troops, and Ammunition for the Militia, very many of the Inhabitants of the State will be greatly distressed to procure Money for the Payment of their Taxes to be levied under the late Requisition of Congress, and the Peace of the Government thereby endangered, unless a Fund is provided by Congress for discharging Part of the Debts due from the Commissary and Quartermaster General and their Deputies, for their late extensive Purchases and other Contracts in this State.

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Whereupon,

Resolved unanimously,

That the Delegates of this State be required immediately to move for, and procure a Resolution of Congress, to authorize the Legislature to discharge the Debts due for the Supplies lately furnished on the Requisition of his Excellency General *Washington*, by the Inhabitants of *New-Jersey*, to the Army when they were distressed for Want of Provisions, as far as the Money in the Treasury of the State, raised for the Use of the United States, will go; and if the said Money should be insufficient for the full Discharge of the same, that some other Fund be provided by such Resolution, and therein charged with the Remainder of the said Debt.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Broderick* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Wilson* be a Committee to prepare an Address to Congress, agreeably to the second Article of the above Report.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 1, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman*, Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Deare*, with such other Mem-
'bers as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House
'of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in Colonel
'*Biddle*'s Letter, respecting Forage; that the said Committee meet at the School-
'House at four o'Clock this Afternoon; and that Mr. *Dey* wait on the House
'of Assembly and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.'

The House having considered the above Message.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Hornblower*, Mr. *Fithian*, Mr. *Baker*, and Mr. *Sharp*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in the said Message; and that they meet at the Time and Place therein expressed; and that Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Kitchel* do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Petition of *William Lawrence*, Gaoler of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that Major *Lee* had, in Contempt of the Law, taken Possession of his dwelling Room, and quartered a Number of Soldiers upon him against his Consent; that he had also taken Charge of, and maintained a Number of Prisoners confined for different Crimes and Misdemeanors; and praying that his Account may be discharged.

Ordered, That the same be referred to further Consideration.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Morris* in Favour of *Hannah Morris*, the Widow of *Joseph Morris*, Esquire, deceased, late a Major of the first *New-Jersey* Regiment of Foot, under the command of Colonel *Ogden*, in the Service of the United States, was presented, read and approved.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Hannah Morris*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Dollars* per Month, being the Amount of the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, during her Widowhood.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, March 2, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for compleating the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States;* which was read.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of *Morris*, in Favour of *Joſiah Burnet*, an Enſign in the Eaſtern Regiment, of the County of *Morris*, commanded by Colonel *Sylvanus Seeley*, wounded in the Leg, while in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Joſiah Burnet*, for the Sum of *Ten Dollars* monthly, being the Amount of his Half-pay as Enſign, during his Life.

The Houſe adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of Meeting of the Juſtices and Freeholders in the County of* Hunterdon, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Gano* and Mr. *Whilden* appeared and took their Seats in the Houſe.

Agreeably to Leave given Mr. *Fenimore*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to confirm a Copy of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of* James Pew, *late of the Townſhip of* Middletown, *in the County of* Monmouth, *and State of* New-Jerſey, *in Lieu of the Original;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to prevent the Farming of publick Offices, or transferring, by Deputation, the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a third Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to procure an Eſtimate of the Damages ſuſtained by the Inhabitants of this State, from Waſte and Spoil committed by the Troops in Service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the neighbouring States*, was read the ſecond Time, and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in the Application preſented by Colonel *Clement Biddle*, reported as follows:

THAT in Anſwer to the Application made by Colonel *Biddle*, by Direction of General *Waſhington*, his Excellency he informed that the great Demand made upon this State, and the almoſt univerſal Drain of Grain and Forage from the ſame, by the Supplies already afforded to the Army, together with the uncommon Conſumption of thoſe Articles, occaſioned by the Severity of the Winter,

render it impracticable, without greatly distressing the Inhabitants, to furnish the Deficiencies of Grain and Hay stated by Colonel *Biddle*, in the general Estimate accompanying the said Application: And as the Legislature have had no Information of any Scarcity of Forage until the Army is brought into Distress, we conceive from hence, and from similar Applications last Spring, that there must have been either an inexcuseable Neglect in procuring and forwarding the necessary Supplies, a Want of Care and Oeconomy in the Expenditure thereof, or some other great Oversight in the Department charged with providing the Supplies, unknown to us, in continuing so large a Number of Horses in Camp through the Winter, as to consume the Stores that were provided under so alarming a Prospect of Deficiency, as could not be unnoticed by them; and that, in the present Exigency, it be earnestly recommended that all Horses that can possibly be spared, be immediately sent away from Camp; and that all Cattle that are publick Property, and kept on publick Stores, and not immediately wanted for Use, be also removed to such Distance from Camp, as that the Hay, within Reach thereof by Transportation, may be appropriated to supply the Army; and if those Means should prove insufficient, and the necessary Supplies cannot be otherwise procured, we would further recommend, if the Commander in Chief approves of the Measure, that such, and so many Cattle and Horses as the Case may require, belonging to the Inhabitants in the Vicinity of Camp, not immediately wanted for their Use and Support, be also removed to such distant Parts of the State, as may have Forage to preserve them, and from whence it will not answer to transport the same to Camp, on Condition that the Proprietors furnish such a proportional Quantity of the Hay for the publick Use as, in the Judgment of two of the Justices of the County, such Cattle and Horses would consume, having Respect to the necessary Consumption of the Remainder of the Stock; the said Cattle to be estimated by the said Justices, and receipted for by one of the County Contractors, and the Expence of removing, feeding and returning the same, to be paid by the said County Contractors; and if the Cattle or Horses so removed shall be lost and not returned to the Owner, the same shall be paid for by the County Contractors, on Behalf of the Publick; that the Cattle and Horses so to be removed, be delivered into the Custody of the Contractors of the Counties respectively, to which they shall be driven, to be by them distributed amongst such of the Inhabitants thereof as may be possessed of Forage sufficient for supporting them during the Season.

By Order of the Committee,

PETER TALLMAN,
PETER WILSON.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Kitchel*, seconded by Mr. *Mott*, for an Amendment to the said Report, by striking out the latter Part of the said Report, beginning with the Words, *and if those Means should prove insufficient*, which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchel*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Fosler*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Bowen*.	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Thomson*,
Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report, it was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Hornblower*, seconded by Mr. *Baker*.

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Neilson*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Stelle*,		Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this House do disagree to the said Report.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 2, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Broderick*, relative to requiring the Delegates of this State to move for and procure a Resolution of Congress to authorize the Legislature to discharge the Debts due for the Supplies lately furnished to the Army, *&c.*

'*Resolved unanimously*, That the House disagree to the Resolution therein contained.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 2, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to vest* Richard Townsend, *Esquire*, *of the County of* Cape-May, *with the Office of Sheriff of said County*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Carmichael* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth the Hardships of receiving the Continental Currency in the Payment of Debts contracted before the first of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, on the same Subject, presented on the twenty-sixth of *February* last.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, was presented and read, praying that a Law may be enacted to prevent the Inhabitants of *Somerset* and *Middlesex* Counties, not interested in the Lands around the said City, laid desolate by the Enemy, and remaining unfenced, for Want of Timber, from pasturing their Cattle within a certain Line in the said Petition described;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Trenton*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that the Barracks in said Town may not be appropriated for the Purpose of a Continental Hospital.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth that the Grist-Mill and Forges at *Spotswood*, in said County, are unemployed by Reason that Messrs. *Perry* and *Hays*, Owners of two-thirds of said Mill and Forges, are in *England*, and have left no Person to take Charge thereof; and that no Pains have been taken by the Purchasers of the remaining third Part, (originally the Property of Mr. *Sheerbrook*, in *New-York*) and forfeited to, and sold by, the Commissioners of said County for the Use of the State, to employ the said Forges and Mill, whereby the Publick is deprived of the Benefit that might accrue from the Manufacture of Iron in that Place, *&c.* and praying that

Commissioners

Commissioners be appointed to take Charge of and rent the same for the Benefit of the Publick, or of the Proprietors; and that the Implements and Moveables left there, may be sold.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Morris* was presented and read, setting forth that at the Commencement of the present War they were indebted to divers Persons within the Enemy's Lines, and others who refuse to receive the Continental Currency in Payment of their Obligations, and praying that a Law may pass to enable them to pay the Amount of the said Obligations into the Treasury of this State,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee to whom was committed the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, presented on the 26th of *February* last.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, March 3, 1780.

The House met.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this State do, as soon as may be, lay a State of the Money remaining in the Treasury, and also a State of the Dificiencies of the several Counties of this State in paying in their respective Quotas of the Sum directed to be raised in Virtue of an Act, intitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of* One Million *of* Pounds *in the State of* New-Jersey, and likewise the Sums received into the Treasury on Arrearages since the last Settlement of the Treasurer's Accounts.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for compleating the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time;

Whereupon, a Motion was made by Mr. *Fithian*, seconded by Mr. *Morris*, that the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed to the next Sitting, which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Thompson*.	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Broderick*.

The House proceeded to the debating the said Bill by Paragraphs, and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed until Afternoon.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for compleating the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*; on the Question, Whether the sixth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Seabrook,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*	*Mr. Morris,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Sharp,*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Hildreth,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Fithian,*
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Foſter,*	*Mr. Cook,*	*Mr. Thompſon.*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Bowen,*	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Hopkins,*	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Broderick.*	

The Houſe having gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto,

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris* in the following Words:

That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed until Congreſs make ſome Proviſion for the Payment of the great Sums of Money due to the Inhabitants of this State, for Supplies and Services performed for the Army; which being ſeconded by Mr. *Thompſon*, was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Thompſon:*

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Wilſon,*	*Mr. Seabrook,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*
Mr. Sharp,	*Mr. Blanch,*	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Sexton,*
Mr. Thompſon,	*Mr. Brookfield,*	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Gano,*
Mr. Fithian.	*Mr. Hornblower,*	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*
	Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Foſter,*	*Mr. Cook,*
	Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*
	Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Bowen,*
	Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Hopkins,*
	Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Broderick.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Condict.*

'*Council-Chamber, March* 3, 1780.

'WHEREAS by a Letter of Colonel *Charles Stewart*, Commiſſary-General of Iſſues, of this Day to the Legiſlature, ſetting forth, that a Number of Cattle of publick Property, not at preſent fit for Slaughter, are at this Place kept on the publick Forage, which cannot conveniently be ſpared, and requeſting the Legiſlature to give direction for the Diſpoſition thereof; whereupon,

'*Reſolved*, That *John Smith*, of the County of *Salem*, be requeſted to take Charge of the ſaid Cattle, giving his Receipt for the ſame, to be lodged with *James Ewing*, Eſquire, Auditor of Accounts; and to hire them kept through the Seaſon of dry Forage, at as moderate Prices as may be; and in the Seaſon thereof, to hire them fatted at Paſture for the Uſe of the Army, and then delivered to the Superintendant of Purchaſes for this State, or to his Order, taking his Receipt for the ſame; and that the ſaid *John Smith* keep an exact and accurate Account of the Expence, and to whom paid, with proper Vouchers for the Payment thereof, and lay the ſame before the Legiſlature at their next ſubſequent Sitting, after the Delivery of the ſaid Cattle to the Superintendant of Purchaſes, in order that the ſame may be adjuſted and paid, with a reaſonable Compenſation for his Trouble; and that the ſaid *John Smith* be authorized to draw on the Treaſurer in the mean-time for any Sum of Money not exceeding *Five Thouſand Pounds*, that may be neceſſary to diſcharge the Expence of keeping and fatting the ſaid Cattle, and the Receipt of the ſaid *John Smith* ſhall be

'a ſufficient Voucher to the Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the 'Settlement of his Accounts.'

Which Meſſage and Reſolution being read and conſidered; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Reſolution? It paſſed in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Mott* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Letter from His Excellency the Preſident of Congreſs of the twenty-ſixth of *February*, encloſing a Reſolution of Congreſs of the twenty-fifth, for calling upon the ſeveral States to procure their reſpective Quotas of Supplies for the enſuing Campaign, in the Articles and Quantities therein particularly ſpecified; which Reſolution was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, March 4, 1780.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber, March* 4, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe 'of Aſſembly of the 25th of laſt Month, relative to requeſting the Gover-'nor to call a Court-Martial for the Trial of Colonel *Seeley*:'

Reſolved, That the Houſe concur in the Reſolutions therein contained.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer be directed, on Behalf of the State, immediately to proſecute the Collectors of the ſeveral Counties which have been deficient in paying in their Quotas of the ſeveral Taxes directed to be raiſed by Virtue of any Act paſſed by the Legiſlature of this State, before the 18th of *December*, 1779.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that Injuſtice would ariſe from going into a Law to repeal the Act for making Continental Currency a legal Tender; and alſo praying that the Certificates given by the Continental Agents may be received in Payment of Taxes, was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Newark* and *Acquackanonck*, in the County of *Eſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that they are intereſted in an undivided Tract of Land, ſituated in the ſaid Townſhips, containing 3,600 Acres; one-fourth Part of which, late the Property of *Vincent-Pierce Aſhfield*, has been ſold by the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates, for the County of *Eſſex*, under which Sale ſeveral of the Petitioners hold their Rights; that very great Diſputes and Difficulties have ariſen from Multiplicity of Intereſts and Variety of Claims; and praying that an Act may be paſſed for appointing Commiſſioners to divide the ſaid Tract among the Proprietors, according to their reſpective Shares.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be filed.

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that a Number of the Inhabitants of ſaid County who had furniſhed Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, had received Certificates therefor; and praying that a Law may be paſſed, empowering the

Collectors

Collectors of each Townſhip to take ſuch Certificates in Lieu of Money, in the Payment of Taxes:

On which a Motion was made by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp*, that the Opinion of the Houſe be taken, whether the Certificates given by the Contractors appointed by the Act, intitled, *An Act for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*, ſhall be taken in Payment for Taxes from the Perſons in whoſe Favour they were drawn.

To which an Amendment was moved by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Baker*, by adding the following Words, "Whilſt there is above £.500,000 in the Treaſury of the State, which may be drawn by the Superintendant of Purchaſes for diſcounting ſuch Certificates, excluſive of ſuch Sums of Money as may be in the Hands of the Collectors of the ſeveral Counties, which the Treaſurer is ordered to proſecute for;" which was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Bowen*,		
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.		
Mr. *Sparks*,			

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Motion, as amended? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, ſeconded by Mr. *Broderick*:

Yea.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandike*,	Mr. *Gano*,
	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Cook*,
	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	
	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be filed.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Freehold*, in the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth, that through Sickneſs in the Family of the Collector of the ſaid Townſhip, extreme cold Weather and unexpected Delay, they had been diſappointed in paying the Loan Office and Convention Money they were poſſeſſed of, in Part of their Tax, agreeably to the Directions of an Act, intitled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for ſinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilſt the ſame was a Colony, and praying Relief*, was read the ſecond Time; Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Smock* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a ſupplemental Act to the Act for calling out of Circulation, and for ſinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilſt the ſame was a Colony.

Mr. *Hornblower*

Mr. *Hornblower* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for compleating the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs. It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of Meeting of the Juſtices and Freeholders in the County of* Hunterdon, was read and compared,

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from *David Morris*, a Soldier enliſted during the War, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he is now confined in the Gaol of the County of *Monmouth*, upon an Execution iſſued by *Thomas Forman*, Eſq. at the Suit of *Peter Imlay*, which Debt he alledges he has paid together with Coſts, and praying the Interpoſition of the Legiſlature for his Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be committed to Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Seabrook*, that they enquire into the Truth of the Facts ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, and make Report to the Houſe.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 25th of *February* laſt, for calling upon the ſeveral States to procure their reſpective Quotas of Supplies for the enſuing Campaign, in the Articles and Quantities therein ſpecified, was read the ſecond Time; Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Neilſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State.*

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 6, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Neilſon* reported, that Mr. *Mott* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Bunn* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himſelf had delivered the Bills and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Hopkins*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for calling*

out

out of Circulation, and for ſinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilſt the ſame was a Colony, which Bill was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

WHEREAS by a Letter from Col. *Charles Stewart*, Commiſſary-General of Iſſues, it appears that a Number of Cattle, the Property of the United States, and not at preſent fit for Slaughter, are kept at this Place on the publick Forage, which cannot be ſpared from the neceſſary Supply of the Teams employed in tranſporting Stores for the Army;

Reſolved, That it be recommended to *Moore Furman*, Eſq. to deliver the ſaid Cattle to the Hon. *Peter Tallman*, Eſq. or any other Perſon or Perſons in whom he can ſafely confide, to be provided for at the Charge of the United States or otherwiſe, to have them driven to ſuch Part of the State where Forage may be furniſhed them from the Continental Stores without interfering with the Supply of the Teams neceſſarily employed in the Service of the United States.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Reſolution? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,		

Ordered, That Mr. *Foſter* and Mr. *Vandike* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to procure an Eſtimate of the Damages ſuſtained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the Waſte and Spoil committed by the Troops in the Service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or the neighbouring States*; on the Queſtion, Whether the third Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Bowen*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,		Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Hopkins*.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Foſter* reported, that Mr. *Vandyke* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, encloſing a Letter from his Excellency *Joſeph Reed*, Eſq. Preſident of the Commonwealth of *Pennſylvania*, was read, ſetting forth that a certain *Thomas Burney*, charged with paſſing counterfeit Money in *Somerſet* County, in this State, had been apprehended in the County of *Cumberland*, in the State of *Pennſylvania* by *John Vance* of that State, and by him forwarded to and lodged in the Gaol of *Burlington*; that the ſaid *John Vance* had been ſubjected to very great Expence as well as Danger thereby, and recommending to the Legiſlature to beſtow upon him a liberal Reward for the Encouragement of his Zeal and Activity in that Service; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be authorized and empowered to pay to *John Vance* the Sum of £.1800, as a Reward for his Zeal and Activity in apprehending a certain *Thomas Burney*, in the County of *Cumberland*, in the State of *Pennsylvania*, charged with counterfeiting the Continental Currency in the County of *Somerset* in this State, and as a Compensation for his Expences and that of a Guard who assisted him in conducting and lodging the said *Thomas Burney* in the Gaol of *Burlington;* and that the Receipt of the said *John Vance* shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer for so much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts: On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Sum inserted in the above Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, seconded by Mr. *Hopkins*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Hopkins*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Broderick*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Thompson*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Speaker*, Who voted for £.18,00.	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	Who voted for less.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Biddle* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Fithian*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for levying an additional Tax in this State, to be paid into the Treasury in *September* next; which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Bowen*.	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Stelle*,		Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Foster*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Carmichael*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a State of the Treasury of this State, exhibited by the Treasurer in Pursuance of the Resolution of both Houses of the 3d Instant, when it appearing that there is a Sum of *Jersey* Money in the Hands of the Treasurer which has been cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon;*

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to inspect, burn and destroy the said Money; and that they lay a particular Account of the Denominations and different Emissions of the Bills therein contained before the Legislature, and that Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Fithian* do wait upon the Council and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

A Message

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 6, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to empowering the Treasurer to pay to '*John Vance One Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds*, &c.

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 6, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to recommending to *Moore Furman*, Esq. 'to deliver a Parcel of Cattle, now in this Town, to the Honourable *Peter Tallman*, Esq. *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Damages sustained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the Waste and Spoil committed by the Troops in the Service of the Enemy and their Adherents, by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the neighbouring States*; on the Question, Whether the ninth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Sharp:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Thompson*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Cook*,		
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Carmichael*,		
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Broderick.*		
Mr. Vandyke,			

On the Question, Whether the thirteenth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Mott*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Broderick.*	*Mr. Thompson*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,		*Mr. Hopkins.*

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Petition from *George Van-Nestle*, *Abraham Van-Nestle*, Sons, and *Jacob Tenbrook* and *Ryneir Staats*, Sons-in-Law of *Abraham Van-Nestle*, Esq. deceased, was presented and read, setting forth, that when they were heard with their Evidences in Support of their Petition at the last Sitting of the Legislature, one of their material Witnesses, *Abraham Dumont*, was prevented by extreme Illness from attending and giving his Testimony before the House, and praying a Rehearing.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Representation

A Repreſentation from ſundry Officers of the firſt *New-Jerſey* Regiment, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that Mr. *Aaron Ogden*, who was formerly Paymaſter to the ſaid Regiment, but bore no Rank, and who had even reſigned that Office previous to the late Arrangement of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, was, by the Appointments under the ſaid Arrangement, ſet over their Heads, contrary, as they conceive, to the Principles of the Articles of the Confederation, and praying Redreſs;

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be committed to the Committee, to whom was committed the Reſolution of Congreſs, relative to filling up vacant Offices in the Army.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday March 7, 1780.

The Houſe met.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Hunterdon*, in Favour of *Ann Lock*, the Widow of Captain *Francis Lock*, deceaſed, late of Colonel *Frederick Freelinghuyſen*'s Regiment, and killed by the Enemy at *Elizabeth-Town* the fifteenth of *September*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven, in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Ann Lock*, for the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* per Month, being the Amount of the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband during her Widowhood.

Mr. *Neilſon*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſecure to the Owners of Lands lying in the North Ward of* New-Brunſwick, *in the County of* Middleſex, *and in the Eaſtern Precinct of the County of* Somerſet *adjoining, the Incloſures of which have been deſtroyed in the Courſe of the preſent War, the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Lands;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Forman* and Mr. *Wikoff* produced to the Houſe the Accounts of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates for the County of *Monmouth*.

The Petition of the Magiſtrates and other Inhabitants of the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that there are in ſaid County, as well as in moſt other Counties of this State, large and valuable Tracts of Land belonging to Gentlemen reſiding in different Parts of the Dominions of the King of *Great-Britain;* that large Sums of Money received for the Rent of theſe Lands, are either in the Hands of Agents heretofore appointed by the Owners of theſe Lands, or are clandeſtinely tranſmitted them in an illegal Manner by the ſaid Agents, and praying that the Rents of ſaid Lands may be ordered to be paid into the Hands of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates, to be by them paid into the Treaſury of the State, ſubject to the Diſpoſal of the Legiſlature.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the lower Part of the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that the Contractors appointed in that County, by Virtue of an Act, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*, live at a great Diſtance from the Petitioners, which renders it inconvenient for them to purchaſe the Supplies which might be derived from the lower Parts of ſaid County for the Uſe of the Army, and praying that another Contractor may be appointed therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the above-mentioned Act.

Mr. *Morris*,

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for forfeiting to, and veſting in, the State of* New-Jerſey, *the Real Eſtate of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and ſatisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from or made againſt ſuch Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, reported the ſame with ſundry Amendments; which Bill was read,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An* 'Act *for raiſing certain Fines and Forfeitures*, and requeſt their Concur-' rence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, praying an Augmentation of the Salary and Fees annexed to the ſaid Office; which was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Bowen* reported, that Mr. *Fithian* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

A Petition from *Moſes Bloomfield* and *Moſes Scott*, on Behalf of themſelves and others, Surgeons in the Hoſpital Department, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that by the Depreciation of the Continental Currency their Salaries are inſufficient to ſupport them without private Loſs, and praying that they may be ſupplied by the State with Clothing, and that they may be entitled to receive the other Privileges, Emoluments and Advantages allowed to Officers in the Line of the Army;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be committed to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, *An Act to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces, raiſed or to be raiſed in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End.*

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower and direct the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office in the reſpective Counties in the State of* New-Jerſey *to pay certain Monies by them received into the Treaſury*, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe 'of Aſſembly of Yeſterday, by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Fithian*;

'*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hand* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of 'Aſſembly for the Purpoſe mentioned in the ſaid Meſſage, and that Mr. *Tallman* 'do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly and acquaint them therewith.'

Mr. *Biddle*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent the Waſte of Timber, Trees and Poles in this State, and to repeal the former Acts for that Purpoſe*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *John Dennis*, of *New-Brunſwick*, praying that the Amount of his Demands againſt ſuch Eſtates as have been forfeited to the Uſe of the State

may be paid by allowing him an Equivalent to the Depreciation, was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Petition of *John Gill*, *Joſeph Hugg*, and *John Griffith*, Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office for the County of *Glouceſter*, praying to be indemnified for the Sum of *Two Hundred and Forty Dollars*, counterfeit Money received by them in Payment of Money lent out of the ſaid Office, was read a ſecond Time;

On the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted? It was carried in the Negative.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent treſpaſſing with Guns*, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be referred to the next Sitting.

A Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from *George Clinton*, Eſq. Governor of the State of *New-York*, encloſing a Reſolution of the Aſſembly and Senate of that State, relative to Abuſes committed by plundering Parties on the Inhabitants of *Long-Iſland* and other Places in Poſſeſſion of the Enemy; and alſo a Reſolution of Congreſs on the ſame Subject, were read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Fithian*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing the Inhabitants of this State from plundering the Inhabitants of Places in Poſſeſſion of the Enemy.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto*, was read a ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the firſt Section, contained in the Words following, *viz.* 'Be it enacted by the Council and General Aſſembly of this State, 'and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the ſame, That the clear Balance 'of all Monies which ſhall have been paid into the Treaſury, by the Collectors 'of each of the Counties of this State, by Virtue of the before-recited Acts, or 'either of them, before the Publication of this Act, after deducting therefrom 'all ſuch Sums of Money as have been remitted on Appeal, ſhall be credited to 'the County from which the ſame has been paid or received on the next Settle-'ment of the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this State, for the Purpoſe of raiſing 'a Tax on the Inhabitants thereof,' do paſs? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Baker*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Sexton.*	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Baker,		*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Neilſon,		*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Stelle,		*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Mott,		*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Hopkins*,
Mr. Smock,		*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Broderick.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Kitchel*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*, for an Amendment to the ninth Section, by inſerting after the Word *Dollars*, and before the Word *including*, the following Words: *and to each Non-commiſſioned Officer and Private, the Sum of* Sixty Dollars, which was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael*:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Broderick.*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Mott*,	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Foſter*,	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Bowen*,	*Mr. Low*,	
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Mayhew*,	
Mr. Sharp,		*Mr. Hildreth*,	

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Dey* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An* 'Act *for compleating the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Ser-* '*vice of the United States*, with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, 'and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.'

Which Bill was read, and the Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be re-engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Wedneſday, March 8, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Two Meſſages from the Council, by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 8, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter the Place of Meeting of the Juſtices* '*and Freeholders in the County of* Hunterdon, is paſſed by this Houſe without 'Amendment.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 8, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Holmes* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to aſcertain the Diſ-* '*poſition of the Eſtates of ſuch Perſons as ſhall hereafter die Inteſtate*, to the 'Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to procure an Eſtimate of the Damages ſuſ-tained by the Inhabitants of this State, from the Waſte and Spoil committed by the Troops in the Service of the Enemy and their Adherents; by the Continental Army, or by the Militia of this or of the neighbouring States*, was read and compared: On the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Hopkins*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Broderick.*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Gano*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Carmichael.*	*Mr. Bowen*,	

And there being but eighteen Yeas, a Number inſufficient to paſs a Law, the ſaid Bill was accordingly loſt.

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The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon*, that the following Words be inſerted immediately after the Preamble in the ſaid Bill, *viz.* 'Be it enacted by the Council and General Aſſembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the ſame, That an Eſtimate ſhall be made of the Quantity of Militia Duty performed by the Inhabitants of each County in this State, ſince the firſt Day of *January*, *Anno Dom.* 1777, from the Payrolls furniſhed to the different Militia Paymaſters by the Officers commanding Regiments or Detachments of the Militia while in actual Service, and the Amount thereof calculated, computing each Man at the Rate of *Three Pounds and Ten Shillings* per Day, and the ſeveral Counties ſhall be credited for their reſpective Amounts; and every County which ſhall be deficient in its Amount in Proportion to its Quota of the general Tax, when the ſame ſhall be finally ſettled, ſhall be charged with ſuch Deficiency, which ſhall be added to their future Quotas of the general Tax, and levied and paid into the Treaſury accordingly'; which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Baker*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Cook*.	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,		Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
		Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
		Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
		Mr. *Hildreth*,	

The Houſe having gone through the ſaid Bill,
Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cook*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to preſerve the Buildings in this State, belonging to the United States, from being deſtroyed, and for the Puniſhment of thoſe that ſhall ſeize on or injure the ſame;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower and direct the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office in the reſpective Counties in the State of* New-Jerſey, *to pay certain Monies by them received into the Treaſury*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Stelle*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Broderick*.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.
Ordered, That Mr. *Broderick* and Mr. *Sexton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Act to enable the Owners of the Pigeon Swamp, Marſhes and Ponds adjoining the ſame, in the County of *Middleſex*, *South-Brunſwick*, more effectually to open, and continue to be kept open, a certain Watercourſe and Ditch for draining the ſaid Swamp, Marſh and Ponds, by a Tax on the Proprietors of the ſame,

ſame, as far as they are or may be benefited by the Work done to ſaid Watercourſe and Ditch, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Neilſon*.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, March 9, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſeventh of *October*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, recommending to the ſeveral States to direct their Treaſurers to tranſmit to Congreſs, on the firſt Day of every Month, Returns of the Sums which they have reſpectively received for ſupplying the Continental Treaſury, was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Memorial of the *Firſtday Baptiſt* Church incorporate, in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying a Law to confirm and eſtabliſh a Charter granted them by Governor *Livingſton*, in *March*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, was read; on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Memorial be granted? It was carried in the Negative.

The Memorial of Colonel *Aſher Holmes* and Major *Walton*, of the County of *Monmouth*, praying that a Paymaſter of the Militia may be appointed in ſaid County;

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

Mr. *Broderick* reported, that Mr. *Sexton* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that great Waſte, Treſpaſs and Damage is committed on ſundry Tracts of Pine Land and Cedar Swamp, in Poſſeſſion of the Petitioners; that the Penalty inflicted on Perſons cutting Trees, *&c.* by the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for preventing the Waſte of Timber*, &c. and the ſupplementary Act thereto, is inadequate to the Treſpaſs; and likewiſe ſetting forth the Hardſhip of being taxed for unimproved Lands, an Article from which no Profit is derived; and praying the Legiſlature would afford ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as they, in their Diſcretion, ſhall think meet; which Petition was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſuſpend* Samuel Forman *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *two of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates, in the County of* Monmouth, *from acting further in the ſaid Office*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed for the preſent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Fithian*, be a Committee to inſpect and examine the Accounts of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates of the County of *Monmouth*, laid before the Houſe on the ſeventh Inſtant, and report a State of the ſame to the Houſe.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington* and others, praying that a Supplement may be paſſed to the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for building and maintaining a Bridge over* Coopers *Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining*

other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington *County to* Coopers *Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from* Burlington *to the ſaid Ferries in Repair*, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the ſaid Act.

The Memorial of *Theodoſia Provoſt*, praying that the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates for the County of *Bergen* may be ſtayed, relative to the Eſtate of her Huſband, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the *Britiſh* Service, was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to an Act for clearing and removing the ſeveral Obſtructions of the free Courſe of the Waters in* Paſſaick *River*, &c. was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Memorial of *William Henderſon*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that he had purchaſed of the Commiſſioners of ſaid County two-thirds of a certain Tract of Land or Plantation, late the Property of *Berzilai* and *Joſeph Grover*; that a certain *William Grover*, Owner of the remaining third Part, keeps Poſſeſſion of the Whole, claiming Title thereto, by Virtue of a certain Executor's Deed of Conveyance, bearing Date long after the ſaid *Barzilai* and *Joſeph Grover* took Refuge with the Enemy, and praying Redreſs.

Reſolved, That the Law is ſufficient for the Relief of the Petitioner.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, March 10, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Inhabitants of this State from plundering the Inhabitants of* Staten-Iſland *and other Places in the Power of the Enemy*, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Foſter*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for building and maintaining a Bridge over* Coopers *Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from* Burlington *County to* Coopers *Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from* Burlington *to the ſaid Ferries in Repair*, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Neilſon*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to inſpect, burn and deſtroy a Sum of *Jerſey* Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer, which has been cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, reported as follows:

THAT your Committee have, in Conſequence of the Reſolution appointing them to execute the aforeſaid Buſineſs, met, and find the Money as received by the Treaſurer from the different Collectors, in ſmall Bundles, has been examined in that State by the aforeſaid Juſtices and Freeholders, and again put up in the ſame Manner and cancelled; to ſort which, in order to comply with the Directions contained in the aforeſaid Reſolution, will be impracticable during the preſent Sitting of the Legiſlature.

JESSE HAND,
JOHN NEILSON,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Whereas it appears from the Report of the Committee of this Houſe, appointed on

on the ſixth Inſtant, to join a Committee of the Council, for the Purpoſe of inſpecting, burning and deſtroying a Sum of *New-Jerſey* Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer, cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, that the Buſineſs recommended to the ſaid Committee, cannot be executed according to the Tenor, and in the full Extent of the ſaid Reſolution, during the Sitting of the Legiſlature; therefore,

Reſolved, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council for executing the Purpoſes in the ſaid Reſolution expreſſed, during the Receſs; that they make Report to the Legiſlature at their next Sitting; and that the Members of the ſaid Committee, while employed in that Service, be allowed the ſame Wages as are allowed to the Members of the Legiſlature when Sitting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

John Lloyd and *William Scudder*, Eſquires, Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates for the County of *Middleſex*, laid their Accounts before the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 9, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an* Act *to empower and direct* '*the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office in the reſpective Counties in the State of* New-'Jerſey, *&c.* is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the Quota of Supplies required from this State be apportioned to the different Counties, as expreſſed in the firſt Section of ſaid Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Fithian*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr *Sexton*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Poſter*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Maybew*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,		Mr. *Bowen*.
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Bernard* Townſhip, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies ariſing to many of the Inhabitants, from the large Extent of ſaid Townſhip, and praying that a Diviſion may be made of the ſaid Townſhip, in Manner in ſaid Petition deſcribed;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſixth *March*, recommending to the Legiſlature of this State to make Proviſion for the Payment of the Supplies furniſhed under the late Requiſition of General *Waſhington*; and to charge the ſame to the Account of the United States, was read,

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Houſe adjourned till five o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met. Mr.

Mr. *Cook* being indisposed, has Leave of Absence during the Remainder of this Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, March 11, 1780.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act for completing the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Low*,		
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Ordered, That *Azariah Dunham*, Esquire, Superintendant of Purchases, be directed immediately to attend the House of Assembly, now sitting in *Trenton*, and to lay before them an Account of his Proceedings in the Execution of his Office, since his Appointment.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had delivered the Bill, Resolution and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony*; which Bill was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Smock*.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to secure to the Owners of Lands lying in the North Ward of* New-Brunswick, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and in the Eastern Precinct of the County of* Somerset *adjoining, the Enclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of the said Lands*, was read a second Time, and amended in the House;

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for apprehending and delivering up to Justice, all Persons residing or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition of *Lawrence Van-Hook*, of the Township of *Morris-River*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Beginning of the present War, he had leased out one Half of a Saw-Mill, and one Half of a Grist-Mill, with twelve Hundred Acres of Pine or Timber Land, for the Term of nine Years, at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds* per Annum; five Years of which Time

Time is unexpired, that his Tax for the preſent Year is *Seven Hundred Pounds*, while his Rent is but *Fifty Pounds*, his Mills at the ſame Time going to Decay, and his Timber cut down and waſted, and praying Redreſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act, to the Act, intitled, An Act for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State;* and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 13, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of an Addreſs to Congreſs, in the following Words:

TO THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

The ADDRESS *of the* COUNCIL *and* ASSEMBLY *of the State of* NEW-JERSEY,

Sheweth,

THAT from the Poſition and Operations of the Enemy, ſince they poſſeſſed themſelves of the Harbour and City of *New-York*, and the adjacent Iſlands, a very conſiderable Proportion of the Labour and Time of the Inhabitants of *New-Jerſey* has been employed in Militia Service, and in tranſporting the Supplies of the Army; and that for the laſt two Years, almoſt the whole Surplus of the Produce and Manufactures of the State, beyond a bare Subſiſtence for the Inhabitants, has been neceſſarily purchaſed or taken for the Uſe of the United States.

We preſume Congreſs is not uninformed that much the greater Part of theſe late and extenſive Supplies remain unpaid for; and that very large Sums are due from the United States to the Inhabitants of this State, for Tranſportation; and alſo, that from a real or pretended Want of Money to ſatisfy theſe Contracts, the Continental Agents, appointed to negociate the Buſineſs of the Commiſſary and Quartermaſter Departments, have given Certificates to the Inhabitants for their reſpective Demands.

The Want of the Money due on theſe Certificates, is by ſo much the more ſeverely felt by the State, inaſmuch as in Addition to its Sufferings in common with the other States in the Union, from the Effects of the War. The Inhabitants have been Diſtreſſed in an eſpecial Manner, by great Part of the military Operations centring in the State; and alſo from being unprovided with the Means of Trade, large Sums are conſtantly drawn from the State for procuring Clothing and Articles of Subſiſtence for the Troops, and Ammunition for the Militia, whereby the State is deprived of its proportional Quantity of the circulating Medium.

The Legiſlature of this State, ever deſirous of teſtifying their moſt ready Compliance with the Requiſitions of Congreſs, as far as the Circumſtances of the State warranted, chearfully adopted the extenſive Tax lately recommended by them, with the moſt flattering Expectations of thereby ſupporting the ſinking Credit of the Continental Currency, as well as of adding Spirit and Vigour to the Operations of the War; relying that the Money for which the Inhabitants might exchange their Produce, would enable them to Diſcharge their reſpective Aſſeſſments: But

notwithſtanding the utmoſt Care of the Legiſlature, in endeavouring to Proportion the Tax among the ſeveral Claſſes of the People, according to their reſpective Abilities and Opportunities, a very large Share of the Inhabitants alledge that it is impracticable for them to raiſe their reſpective Aſſeſſments, without diveſting themſelves of the neceſſary Articles of Subſiſtence, or receiving a Part of the Money due to them from the United States.

Affected by the Complaints and approaching Diſtreſs of their Conſtituents, the Legiſlature of *New-Jerſey* are conſtrained to call the particular Attention of Congreſs to their preſent embarraſſed Situation, and to requeſt that they will take ſuch ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures as they, in their Wiſdom may deviſe, to diſcharge the Debts due to the Inhabitants from the United States, or ſuch a Proportion thereof, as will enable them to pay their Taxes without diſtreſſing their Families.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Smock,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Low,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Seabrook,*	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Mayhew,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Sharp,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Fithian,*	*Mr. Carmichael.*
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Bowen,*	
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſecure to the Owners of Lands lying in the North Ward of* New-Brunſwick, *in the County of* Middleſex, *and in the Eaſtern Precinct of the County of* Somerſet *adjoining, the Incloſures of which have been deſtroyed in the Courſe of the preſent War, the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Lands*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Smock,*	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Sparks,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Seabrook,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Low,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*	*Mr. Mayhew.*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Fithian,*	
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Bowen,*	
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sharp,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Sexton,*		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſail Bill to the Council and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Baker* reported, that Mr. *Thompſon* and himſelf had delivered the Bills and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to explain and amend the Act, intitled, An* Act

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to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the ſame and other Bills of Credit, and the Supplement thereto; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for apprehending and delivering up to Juſtice, all Perſons reſiding or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* on the Queſtion, Whether the ſecond Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Wilſon,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*	*Mr. Stelle,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Bowen,*	*Mr. Mott,*
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Sparks,*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*		*Mr. Mayhew,*
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Sexton,*		*Mr. Sharp,*
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Gano,*		*Mr. Thompſon.*

Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

Whereas large Sums of Money have been expended, and many other Matters of Conſequence as well to the State in general as to Individuals, were tranſacted by the Council of Safety, formerly eſtabliſhed by the Laws of this State; and as it is neceſſary that not only the Legiſlature but the Publick in general ſhould be acquainted with the Proceedings of ſaid Council of Safety, neither of which can be accompliſhed in the preſent Situation; therefore,

Reſolved, That the Clerk of the Aſſembly be directed to make out a fair Copy of ſaid Journals of the Council of Safety, and lay the ſame before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting, in order that they may be printed; and the ſaid Clerk ſhall be entitled to the ſame Compenſation for that Service, as he is allowed for copying the Minutes of the Aſſembly;

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Reſolved, That the Secretary of the Joint-Meeting be directed to copy the Journals of ſaid Meeting, and deliver the ſame to the Printer, who is hereby directed to print off Six Hundred Copies, and diſtribute them in the ſeveral Counties in the uſual Proportion.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hildreth* reported, that Mr. *Sharp* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolutions to them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State;* on the Queſtion, Whether the ſecond Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Kitchel*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp:*

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Bowen*.
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Low*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,		Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	

On the Question, Whether *Edward Thomas* be Contractor for the County of *Burlington?* It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,		
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fithian*,		
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Bowen*,		
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Thompson*,		
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.		
Mr. *Mayhew*,			

On the Question, Whether *Parsons Leaming* or *Philip Godfrey* be Contractor for the County of *Cape-May?* It was carried for *Philip Godfrey*.

On which the Votes were required by Mr. *Biddle*, seconded by Mr. *Fenimore:*

Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Bowen*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Who voted for *Parsons Leaming*.	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Who voted for *Philip Godfrey*.
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 13, 1780.

'*Ordered*, THAT Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of* 'the *College of* New-Jersey, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 13, 1780.

'THE Council having taken the Message from the House of Assembly, of the '11th Instant, into Consideration, relative to appointing a Committee for 'inspecting, &c. a Sum of *Jersey* Money,

'*Resolved*, That Mr. *Deare* be a Committee to join a Committee of the 'House of Assembly for the Purpose in the said Message mentioned; and that 'the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tuesday, *March* 14, 1780.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 13, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House 'of Assembly of the 4th Instant, relative to directing the Treasurer to pro-

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'ſecute the Collectors of the ſeveral Counties which have been deficient in pay-
'ing in the Quotas of the ſeveral Taxes, &c.

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 13, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe
'of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to copying the Minutes of the late Coun-
'cil of Safety and of the Joint-Meeting;

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe diſagree to the firſt Reſolution therein contained,
'relative to copying the Council of Safety's Minutes; and concur in the ſecond
'Reſolution therein contained, relative to printing the Joint-Meeting Minutes.'

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act, to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for calling out of Circulation and for ſinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State while the ſame was a Colony*, reported the ſame, with ſundry Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments were read;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Stafford* and *Dover*, in the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that a Number of Veſſels have been lately ſtranded on the Shores, belonging to the United States, their Subjects, Allies and Enemies; and that there is no Law of this State, as they alledge, clearly aſcertaining what Proportion of ſuch Veſſels or Cargoes ſhall belong to the Captors or Preſervers, which has given Occaſion to many Law Suits, and praying that a Law may be enacted to Remedy theſe Inconveniencies;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Sitting.

The Memorial of *Joſeph Inſlee*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, accompanied with a Recommendation of the ſaid *Inſlee*, by a Number of the Inhabitants of ſaid County, was read, praying that he may be appointed Contractor for the County of *Hunterdon*;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be filed.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act, to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State.*

On the Queſtion, Whether *Cornelius Ludlow* or *Benjamin Lindſley* be Contractor for the County of *Morris?* It was carried for *Cornelius Ludlow*.

On which the Votes were required by Mr. *Sharp*, ſeconded by Mr. *Mott*:

Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Penimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Who voted for *Benjamin Lindſley*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Gano*,		
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Bowen*,		
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.		
	Who voted for *Cornelius Ludlow*.		

The Houſe having gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the ſame, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act, to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for calling out of Circulation and for ſinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State while the ſame was a Colony.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon*, that the following Section be inſerted immediately after the third Section:

'And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of this State to receive and exchange any of the said Bills of Credit which may be tendered to him, by any Person not an Inhabitant of this State, on or before the first Day of *January* next: Provided the Person offering the same to the Treasurer shall make an Oath or Affirmation, that he hath not bought or procured the said Bills so offered by allowing a Discount or Advance on the same, knowing the same to be irredeemable; but that the same came into his Hands in the usual Course of Business, and that he hath not before had an Opportunity to exchange the same'; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Blanch*.	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	

On the Question, Whether the 4th Section in the following Words do pass?

'Provided always and it is hereby further Enacted, That no Person shall be admitted to pay any of the said Bills of Credit to the Collector of the Precinct, Township or Ward wherein he resides, or to have the same exchanged by the Treasurer, or by the Collector of the County, unless he shall produce to the said Collector or Treasurer, an Affidavit taken before a Justice of the Peace of the County wherein he shall reside, that he hath not purchased the said Bills or received them in exchange since the first Day of *January* last; and that he hath not detained the same in his Hands after the said Period, with an Intention to sell or otherwise to make Advantage thereby:' It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*.	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Bowen*.	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,
		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
		Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
		Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.

The House having gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The transcribed Copy of the Address to Congress was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Low* do carry the said Address to the Council and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to ascertain the Disposition of the Estates of such Persons as shall hereafter die Intestate*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Hornblower*.

Mr.

Mr. *Seabrook* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himself had delivered the Message and Address with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 14, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Martin* do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, intitled, '*An Act to alter, amend and confirm the Charter of* Queen's-College, *in* New-'Jersey, and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to vest* Richard Townsend, *Esquire*, *of* Cape-May, *with the Office of Sheriff of said County*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the Preamble of the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Sparks*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Bowen*.
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.		
Mr. *Biddle*,			

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, March 15, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Kitchel*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Accounts of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of *Monmouth*, reported as follows:

THAT they had examined the said Accounts, and find sundry Charges therein, which, in their Opinion, are not warranted by Law; they also find some Accounts of Rents credited, which the said Commissioners have not charged in the Ledger; they likewise find Balance due to the State to the Amount of *Twenty-nine Thousand and Sixty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and one Penny*, according to the Commissioners own Accounts.

By Order of the Committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

A Petition from the Reverend *James Caldwell*, on Behalf of sundry Inhabitants of *Elizabeth-Town*, Members of the *Presbyterian* Congregation there, was presented and read, setting forth, that their Church, Academy and Parsonage have been lately burnt by the Enemy; that they are too much reduced in their private Circumstances to repair their publick Losses, and praying that the Use of the Dwellinghouse late the Property of *Thomas White*, now with the Enemy, may be granted to the said Society for a Parsonage House; on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Blanch*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Baker*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Thompſon.*	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
		Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Fithian*,
		Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Bowen*,
		Mr. Sparks,	*Mr. Hopkins.*
		Mr. Low,	

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Eſſex*, ſetting forth, that they are the Proprietors of one equal Half Part of Land called *Aſhfield's Tract*, in the Townſhips of *Ackquackanonck* and *Newark*; that they had ſometime laſt Spring purchaſed all the Right of Miſs *Mary Aſhfield* in ſaid Tract, except about Six Hundred Acres, the Property of Mr. *Hunt*, in the *Weſt-Indies*, the Purchaſe of which they had alſo engaged, and praying that a Law may not be enacted for making a Diviſion of ſaid Tract, until they can obtain a Title of ſaid *Hunt*; alſo a Letter from *James Parker*, one of the Attornies of *John* and *Mary Man*, Claimants of ſaid Tract, on the ſame Subject, were read, and ordered to be filed.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Somerſet*, in Favour of *Mary M'Myers*, Widow of *Andrew M'Myers*, deceaſed, late a Captain in the firſt *Jerſey* Regiment, in the Service of the United States, who was killed at the Battle of *Germantown*, on the fourth Day of *October*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Mary M'Myers*, for the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* per Month, being the Amount of her Huſband's Half-pay, during her Widowhood.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to veſt* Richard Townſend, *Eſquire*, *of* Cape-May, *with the Office of Sheriff of ſaid County*, and having gone through the ſame; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill ſhall be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Bowen.*	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins.*
	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	

Ordered, That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait on the Council, and inform them that the ſaid Bill is rejected by this Houſe.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for raiſing certain Fines and Forfeitures*, was read the ſecond Time, and ſundry Amendments made thereto;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge from their Appointments* Samuel Forman, Joſeph Lawrence *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *three of the Commiſſioners for taking charge of and ſelling the forfeited Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders in the County of* Monmouth; and, after ſome

Time

Time ſpent thereon; on the Queſtion, Whether the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed to the next Sitting? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Wilſon,*	*Mr. Sexton,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Baker,*	*Mr. Gano,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Mott,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Carmichael.*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Fithian,*	*Mr. Sparks,*	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Bowen,*	*Mr. Low,*	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Thompſon,*	*Mr. Sharp,*	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*	

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ſuſpend* Kenneth Hankinſon, *and* Samuel Forman, *two of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates in the County of* Monmouth, *from acting further in the ſaid Office*, and having gone through the ſame; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

Yea.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris.	*Mr. Wilſon,*	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*
	Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Sexton,*
	Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Gano,*
	Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*
	Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*
	Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Fithian,*
	Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Bowen,*
	Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Sharp,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*
	Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Neilſon* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is rejected by this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, March 16, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an* Act *for apprehending and delivering up to Juſtice all Perſons reſiding or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Smock,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*	*Mr. Low,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Seabrook,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Mayhew,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Sharp.*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Fithian,*	
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Bowen,*	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*	

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Bunn* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for calling out of Circulation and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State while the same was a Colony*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Bunn* do carry the said Bill to the Council and request their Concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for procuring Provisions for the Use of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for settling the publick Accounts of this State*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Gano*,		Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Bowen*.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Bunn* do carry the same to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Carmichael* reported, that Mr. *Neilson* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Bunn* and himself had delivered the Bills and Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 15, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to secure to the Owners of Lands lying in 'the North Ward of* New-Brunswick, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and in the Eastern 'Precinct of the County of* Somerset *adjoining, the Enclosures of which have been de-'stroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of the said Lands*, is 'passed by this House without Amendment.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 15, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Address to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of the 'Debts due to the Inhabitants of this State from the Department of the Quarter-'master and Commissary-General, is agreed to by this House.'

The Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Piscataway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth the Hardships of receiving the Continental Currency in the Payment of Debts contracted before the Depreciation began, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the same be filed.

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The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Memorial of *Azariah Dunham*, Superintendant of Purchaſes of this State, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that ſome of the Contractors have purchaſed at a higher Price than others, and that the former Purchaſes in the Commiſſary Department were made conditionally, and allow the Venders to receive the higheſt Price that ſhould be given in this State or in *Pennſylvania*, before the firſt Day of *March*, and praying Direction in the Premiſes.

Reſolved, That the Law is ſufficient for the Direction of the Memorialiſt.

A Petition from the Reverend *Jacob Van-Auſdaler* and his Pariſh Clerk, on Behalf of the *Presbyterian* Society in *Springfield*, in the County of *Eſſex*, praying that a Law may be enacted for incorporating ſundry Perſons in the ſaid Petition named, as Truſtees for the Society, was read, and ordered to be referred to the next Sitting.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Morris*, in Favour of *Elizabeth Horton*, Widow of Doctor *Jonathan Horton*, deceaſed, late a Surgeon in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Elizabeth Horton*, for the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* per Month, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, from the twenty-fourth Day of *May*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven, during her Widowhood.

The Warrant entitling *Rezine Anderſon*, now *Harris*, late Widow of *Ephraim Anderſon*, to draw Half-pay, was read, approved and ordered to be ſigned;

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Warrant to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Warrant entitling *Elizabeth Horton*, Widow of Doctor *Jonathan Horton*, to draw Half-pay, was read, approved and ordered to be ſigned;

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Warrant to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Warrant entitling *John* and *Peter Merſhon*, Orphan Children of *Aaron Merſhon*, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, being their late Father's Half-pay, from the twenty-ſeventh *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, was read, approved and ordered to be ſigned;

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Warrant to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Warrant entitling *Hannah Morris*, Widow of Major *Joſeph Morris*, deceaſed, to draw *Twenty-five Dollars* per Month, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, from the ſeventh Day of *January*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, was read, approved and ordered to be ſigned;

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Warrant to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 15, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An* '*Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating, training and arraying* '*of the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto*, with the Amendments made 'thereto by this Houſe, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments;'

Which Bill was read, and the Amendments being read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed with the Amendments.

Mr.

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Thompson* and himself had delivered the Warrants and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An Act to ascertain the Disposition of the Estates of such Persons as shall hereafter die Intestate*, reported the same, with sundry Amendments; which Bill was read; and the Amendments being read in their Places,

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Neilson*, that the following Proviso be inserted immediately after the first Proviso in the first Section, *to wit*, 'And provided also, That if any such Ancestor shall in his Lifetime have given or 'advanced any Part of his or her Real Estate to any of his or her Issue, such Issue 'shall not be entitled to any Part or Share of such Ancestor's Real Estate descending under or by Virtue of this Act, unless the Real Estate so given or advanced 'shall not be equal in Value to the respective Shares of the other Issue in the same 'Degree of Affinity, as the Case may be; and then no more than will be sufficient 'to make such Share equal in the above Proportion;' which was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Biddle*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Bowen*.	Mr. *Hildreth*,	

Ordered, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be read a third Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, March 17, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Hornblower*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Waste of Timber, Trees and Poles in this State, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Fithian*, that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same and other Bills of Credit, and the Supplement thereto*, be read a second Time, which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Fithian*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Neilson*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Bowen*.	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Bunn,		*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Thompson*,
Mr. Vandyke,		*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Hopkins*.
Mr. Fenimore,		*Mr. Mayhew*,	

The House resumed the Consideration of [illegible] Supplementary Act

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to an Act, intitled, An Act for clearing and removing the ſeveral Obſtructions of the free Courſe of the Waters in Paſſaick *River and the ſeveral Branches thereof, between the Little Falls in ſaid River and the Milldam acroſs ſaid River near* Dey's *Bridge, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and having gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto;

Ordered, That the ſame, as amended, be engroſſed.

A ſupplementary Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Coopers *Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from* Burlington *County to* Coopers *Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from* Burlington *to the ſaid Ferries in Repair*, was read a ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Warrant entitling *Mary Cade*, the Widow of *John Cade*, deceaſed, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, from the fifteenth Day of *June*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, during her Widowhood: Alſo the Warrant entitling *Mary Sutton*, the Widow of *Robert Sutton*, deceaſed, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month from the tenth Day of *May*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, during her Widowhood: Likewiſe the Warrant entitling *Ann Lock*, now *Newton*, late Widow of Captain *Francis Lock*, deceaſed, to draw *Twenty Dollars* per Month, from the fifteenth Day of *September*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband; were read, approved and ordered to be ſigned;

Ordered, That Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Mayhew* do carry the ſaid Warrants to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent the Waſte of Timber, Trees and Poles in this State, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpoſe*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Bowen* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

James Mott, Eſquire, one of the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law, reported, that he had delivered the Books and Accounts to him entruſted to *James Ewing*, Eſquire, Auditor of Accounts, and produced to the Houſe a Receipt for the ſame; which was read, approved and ordered to be filed.

Mr. *Sexton* reported, that Mr. *Mayhew* and himſelf had delivered the Warrants and Meſſages with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Biddle* reported, that Mr. *Bowen* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Neilſon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower the Owners of the* Pigeon *Swamp, Marſhes and Ponds adjoining, in the South Ward of* New-Brunſwick, *in the County of* Middleſex, *to open and keep clear of Obſtructions a certain Watercourſe and Ditch, for draining the ſaid Swamp, Marſhes and Ponds*, reported the ſame, with ſundry Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments, was read, and further amended in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſame, as amended, be engroſſed.

Three Meſſages from the Council, by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 17, 1780.
'THAT Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for 'apprehending and delivering up to Juſtice, all Perſons reſiding or taking Refuge in 'this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and 'for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 17, 1780.
'THAT Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for 'calling out of Circulation and for ſinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in 'this State while the ſame was a Colony*, is rejected by this Houſe.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 17, 1780.
'THAT Mr. *Hand* do carry the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an Act, 'intitled, An Act for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other 'Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*, 'with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, 'and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.'

Which Bill was read, and the Amendments being read in their Places; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendments?

Reſolved, That the Houſe agree to the third, and diſagree to the Reſt of the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council on ſuch publick Accounts as ſhould be to them referred during the Sitting of the Legiſlature, reported as follows:

THAT they have, purſuant to their Appointment, examined ſuch Accounts as have been referred to them, for the Payment of which no Proviſion is made by Law; and delivered the ſame to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges; and have ſettled and adjuſted ſuch other Accounts, for the Payment whereof Proviſion is already made by Law, as follows, *viz.*

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1ſt. To the Hon. *Silas Condict*, Eſq. one of the Commiſſioners appointed to meet the Convention in *Philadelphia*, in *January* laſt, for Wages and Expences for himſelf and Horſe, ſixteen Days, -	374	12	6
To Ditto, for Expences in going to Head-Quarters to procure the Returns of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, - - -	75	0	0
2d. To *Thomas Fenimore*, Eſquire, one of the Commiſſioners appointed to meet the Convention in *Philadelphia*, in *January* laſt, for Wages and Expences for himſelf and Horſe, fourteen Days,	375	0	0
3d. To *Jeſſe Titus*, a Soldier in Captain *Van-Cleve*'s Company, in Colonel *Johnſon*'s Regiment, in the Service of the United States, for a Gun and Accoutrements loſt on *Long-Iſland*, in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, - - -	5	15	0
4th. To *Noah Chamberlain*, for a Gun and Accoutrements impreſſed and loſt in the Service, on *Long-Iſland*, in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, - - -	5	7	0
5th. To Major *Samuel Meeker*, for Medicines, Board, Lodging and Horſe-keeping, furniſhed him by Doctor *Jonathan Sweezy*,			

when

	£.	s.	d.
when wounded in *July* last, at *Minisink*, while in the Service of the United States, - - - - - -	56	10	0
6th. To *Joseph-Caderus Hoogland*, for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the Service, at the Liberty-Pole, in the County of *Bergen*, *September* the twenty-third, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, - - - - -	16	0	0
7th. To *Richard Jones* for a Gun lost in the Service, at *Douglass* Point, in the County of *Burlington*, on the eighth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, - -	16	0	0
8th. To *Thompson Stelle*, Esquire, for quartering a Detachment of Continental Troops, consisting of twenty-four non-commissioned Officers and Privates, while on Command at *Quibble-Town*, from the seventh Day of *November* to the twelfth Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, -	30	0	0
9th. To Doctor *Gardner Jones*, for Medicines furnished to, and Attendance on, *Jeremiah Westervelt*, a Soldier in Captain *James Christie*'s Company, in Colonel *Dey*'s Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Bergen*, wounded in the Service, on the ninth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, - -	60	15	0
10th. To Doctor *Gardner Jones*, for Medicines furnished to, and Attendance on, *Hendrick Demaresl*, a Soldier in Captain *James Christie*'s Company, in Colonel *Dey*'s Regiment of Militia, of the County of *Bergen*, wounded in the Service, on the ninth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, -	64	13	9
To which the House agreed.			
11th. To Doctor *John Ferrand*, for Medicines furnished to, and Attendance on, *Hendrick Demaresl*, a Soldier in Captain *James Christie*'s Company, in Colonel *Dey*'s Regiment of Militia, of the County of *Bergen*, wounded in the Service, on the ninth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, -	431	9	0

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the eleventh Article in the said Report? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Hornblower*, seconded by Mr. *Morris*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Neilson*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Stelle*,		Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Hildreth*,	

Mr. *Vandyke* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 17, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Council concur in the several Warrants sent from the House of 'Assembly, entitling *John* and *Peter Mershon*, Children of *Aaron Mershon*, de- 'ceased; *Ann Lock*, now *Newton*, late Widow of *Francis Lock*, deceased; *Mary*

'*Cade*,

'*Cade*, the Widow of *John Cade*; *Mary Sutton*, the Widow of *Robert Sutton*, de-
'ceaſed; *Hannah Morris*, the Widow of Major *Joſeph Morris*, deceaſed; *Rezine*
'*Anderſon*, now *Harris*, late Widow of *Ephraim Anderſon*, deceaſed; and, *Mary*
'*M'Myer*, the Widow of Captain *Andrew M'Myer*, deceaſed, to the Half-pay in
'the ſaid Warrants reſpectively mentioned.'

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Repreſentation from ſundry Officers of the firſt *New-Jerſey* Regiment, and the Reſolution of Congreſs reſpecting the filling up of vacant Offices in the Army, reported as follows:

THE Committee appointed to examine the Reſolution of Congreſs, of the 28th of *June* laſt, reſpecting filling up vacant Offices in the Army; alſo the Anſwer of Congreſs of the ſame Date to the Repreſentation of this State of the eleventh of *May*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine; and the Repreſentation from the Officers of the firſt *New-Jerſey* Regiment, againſt *Aaron Ogden*'s being appointed a Captain over them, reported as follows—That they had examined the Reſolutions of Congreſs; the Journals of the Joint-Meeting of the Council and Aſſembly; the Returns from General *Maxwell* of the State of the *Jerſey* Regiments; together with the Papers to them referred, and find that, by the Reſolution of Congreſs of the ſixteenth *September*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, each State was to appoint all Officers of the Regiment raiſed in ſaid State in the Continental Service; alſo by the ſeventh and ninth Articles of the Confederation it was clearly expreſſed, that each State ſhall appoint all Officers under a Brigadier-General, and fill up all Vacancies in any Forces raiſed in ſaid States for the Continental Service; and by the Reſolution of the eighth *March*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, the ſame is confirmed, and a particular Mode pointed out how the Commiſſions are to be obtained.

Notwithſtanding, in the late Arrangement on the Reduction of the fourth Regiment, little or no Regard has been paid to ſaid Reſolution; for by the Returns from General *Maxwell* we find, that at the Time of the ſaid Arrangement, there were only twelve Captains in the Brigade that were appointed by the Joint-Meeting, and four appointed by General *Waſhington*, between the twenty-ſeventh *December*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, and the twenty-ſeventh *June*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven; (the Time his Power for that Purpoſe continued) and eight appointed ſince thoſe Powers ceaſed; and there were only Forty-eight Lieutenants and Enſigns, and a Number of them appointed without the Conſent of this State.

Major *Bloomfield*'s Acceptance of an Office in the State, and the Reſignation of Major *Howell* and Captain *Luce*, together with the Diſability of Captain *Baldwin*, who loſt his Leg in the Service, brought the Number of Captains down to Twenty, which made only two Supernumeraries, who might have been appointed Lieutenants, as there was not a ſufficient Number of them in the Brigade for three Regiments; but inſtead of that Mode, ſix Captains (beſides Captain *Baldwin*) four Firſt-Lieutenants, four Second-Lieutenants and Enſigns were left out, and fourteen new Officers appointed; *Aaron Ogden* with ſeveral others who bore no Rank in the Army, were placed over the Heads of Officers who have ſerved ever ſince the forming of ſaid Regiments.

Therefore we, your Committee, are of Opinion, that the ſaid Arrangement was illegally made and not warranted by the Reſolutions of Congreſs, the Articles of Confederation, or by common Juſtice; and if ſubmitted to, will not only be a Diſcouragement to Officers of Merit entering into the Service, but dangerous to the Civil Government of this State.

And

And are also of Opinion, that a new Arrangement ought to be made by the Joint-Meeting.

JAMES MOTT, junior.
ANTHONY SHARP,
MARK THOMPSON.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 17, 1780.
'THAT Mr. *Martin* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for procuring Provisions for the Use of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for settling the publick Accounts of this State*, and acquaint them that the Council do recede from the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House, which are disagreed to by the House of Assembly.'

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and agreed to by this House.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, March 18, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Circumstances of the Complaint of *David Morris*, a Soldier in the Continental Service, and a Prisoner in *Monmouth* Gaol, reported as follows:

THAT we have enquired of *Thomas Forman*, Esquire, the Justice who gave Judgment and granted the Execution against him, and of *William Tapscot*, junior, who was present at the Trial, and find that on the Application of *Peter Imlay*, a Warrant was granted against said *Morris* for *Fifty Pounds*; and that on the Trial *Peter Imlay* produced an Account against said *Morris*, the Balance of which was *Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and One Penny* due to said *Imlay*, about *Six Pounds* of which was due before said *Morris* entered into the Service, the Remainder contracted at different Times since; and that the said *Morris* owned the Debt, and that he had engaged to pay it in Work in the old Way, but alledged that he being a Soldier it was not in his Power to perform it, as he received only *Fifty Shillings* Continental Money per Month for his Wages, he refused paying any more than the Sum charged, and accordingly paid the Sum of *Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and One Penny*, with the Cost, on which the Justice gave Judgment for the Remainder of the Demand as Damages, and granted an Execution for the same against said *Morris*, on which he hath since been committed to Gaol.

We have been further informed, that he is released from Confinement, but by what Authority Mr. *Forman* could not say.

JAMES MOTT, junior.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

The Warrant entitling *Josiah Burnet*, Ensign in Colonel *Sylvanus Seely*'s Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Morris*, to receive the Sum of *Ten Dollars* per Month from the fifteenth Day of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, being his Half-pay during his Life, was read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Hornblower* do carry the same to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to ascertain the Disposition of the Estates of such Persons as shall hereafter die Intestate*, was read the third Time, with the Amend-

ments; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Smock,*	*Mr. Sharp,*	*Mr. Mott,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Seabrook,*	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Fenimore,*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Fithian,*
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Bowen,*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Kitchel.*	*Mr. Thompſon,*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Low,*		*Mr. Hopkins.*

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Hornblower* do carry the ſaid Bill, and Amendments, to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for clearing and removing the ſeveral Obſtructions of the free Courſe of the Waters in* Paſſaick *River and the ſeveral Branches thereof, between the Little Falls in ſaid River and the Milldam acroſs ſaid River near* Dey's *Bridge, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Bunn,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Mott,*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Vandyke,*	*Mr. Gano,*	*Mr. Mayhew.*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Fenimore,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*	
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Fithian,*	
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Bowen,*	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sharp,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that Mr. *Hornblower* and himſelf had delivered the Bill, Warrant and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Owners of the* Pigeon *Swamp, Marſhes and Ponds adjoining, in the South Ward of* New-Brunſwick, *in the County of* Middleſex, *to open and keep clear of Obſtructions a certain Watercourſe and Ditch, for draining the ſaid Swamp, Marſhes and Ponds*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Bunn,*	Mr. *Van-Cleve,*	Mr. *Wilſon.*
Mr. *Blanch,*	Mr. *Vandyke,*	Mr. *Sexton,*	
Mr. *Hornblower,*	Mr. *Fenimore,*	Mr. *Gano,*	
Mr. *Baker,*	Mr. *Biddle,*	Mr. *Kitchel,*	
Mr. *Neilſon,*	Mr. *Sparks,*	Mr. *Carmichael,*	
Mr. *Stelle,*	Mr. *Low,*	Mr. *Fithian,*	
Mr. *Mott,*	Mr. *Mayhew,*	Mr. *Bowen,*	
Mr. *Smock,*	Mr. *Sharp,*	Mr. *Thompſon,*	
Mr. *Seabrook,*	Mr. *Hildreth,*	Mr. *Hopkins.*	

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 18, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent the Waste of Timber, Trees and Poles* '*in this State, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose*, is passed by this 'House without Amendment.'

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Mr. *Neilson* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for augmenting the Fees of certain civil Officers and others; and for raising the Fines and Forfeitures to which they are liable for Neglect or Refusal of Duty; and for suspending Parts of sundry Acts therein mentioned*, was read the second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Petition of Captain-Lieutenant *John Vandyke*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had entered into the Service of the United States on the 20th *April*, 1776, as a Second-Lieutenant in the Eastern Company of Artillery of this State, commanded by Captain *Neil*; that on the fourth Day of *December*, 1776, he entered as First-Lieutenant under the said Captain *Neil*, in the Continental Service during the War; that two Days before the Battle of *Brandywine* the said Company was annexed to Colonel *Proctor*'s Regiment of Artillery, in which he retained his Commission; but that some Time after, by Order of General *Knox*, the two *Jersey* Companies were returned separately and as belonging to no Regiment; since which Time Officers from different States have been promoted to the Command of the said Companies, by which Means he has been deprived of Promotion both in the said Regiment and also in the said Companies; that one of the said Companies is discharged, and the other annexed to Captain *Wool*'s Company of Artillery, whereby he is again injured in his Rank, and praying Redress; whereupon,

Resolved, That it be recommended to Captain-Lieutenant *Vandyke* to represent the State of his Circumstances with Respect to Rank to His Excellency General *Washington*, that the necessary Enquiry may be made on the Subject; and if on such Enquiry it should appear to His Excellency, that Captain Lieutenant *Vandyke* is entitled to any further Promotion than the Commission he now bears, that His Excellency the General be requested to take the necessary Measures to procure Mr. *Vandyke* the Justice that may be due to him.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 18, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that this House do concur in the Warrant sent from the House of Assembly entitling *Josiah Burnet* to the Half-pay in the said Warrant mentioned.'

The re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the supplementary Act thereto*, was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Seabrook* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Whereas

Whereas it is neceſſary to make Proviſion for purchaſing and procuring an ample Supply of Ammunition for the Militia of this State;

Reſolved, That *Jonathan Baldwin*, of *Princeton*, be authorized and directed immediately to purchaſe ſuch a Quantity of Muſket-Powder as will, together with the Powder at preſent in the different Magazines of this State, make in the Whole three Tons of Muſket-Powder, and Cartridge-Paper ſufficient to make up the ſame into Cartridges; and ſo much Cannon-Powder as will, together with the Quantity already in the Magazines, make up three-fourths of a Ton, with a proportional Quantity of Shot and Flannel, and ſo many Flints as will, with the Number already in the Magazines, amount to twenty Thouſand; and that he deliver one-third Part of the whole Quantity of Muſket-Powder, and one Half of the Cannon-Powder, with Flints, Shot, Flannel and Cartridge-Paper in Proportion, to *Abraham Kitchel*, Eſquire, in *Morris* County, or to ſuch Perſon as he ſhall direct, to be by him kept for the Uſe of the Counties of *Bergen*, *Eſſex*, *Morris* and *Suſſex*; and that he take the Remainder into his own Charge, to be kept at *Princeton*, for the Uſe of the other Counties of this State; and that the ſaid *Abraham Kitchel*, Eſquire, and *Jonathan Baldwin*, be directed to employ proper Perſons to make the Proportion of the ſaid Ammunition to them herein-before reſpectively aſſigned, into ſizeable Cartridges; and to keep the ſaid Cartridges, when made, in proper Boxes, numbered according to the Size of the Cartridges, in ſome convenient and ſafe Place, for the Uſe of the Militia, to be delivered out to the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the ſeveral Battalions, or their Order, to be by them delivered out to the Captains or Commanding Officers of the ſeveral Companies, who ſhall ſtand anſwerable for the ſame; Returns of which Ammunition ſhall be made every ſix Months, in the ſame Manner and under the ſame Penalties as the Returns are directed to be made by the Act, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto.*

2d. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Jonathan Baldwin* be requeſted to call on *Zachariah Roſſel*, Eſquire, of *Mountholly*, for the Cartridges, Lead and other Ammunition in his Cuſtody and to receive the ſame; as well as what may be in the Cuſtody of *Elias Woodruff*, Eſquire, at *Princeton*, to be by him kept and iſſued agreeably to the Directions of the above Reſolution; and that his Receipt to the ſaid *Elias Woodruff* and *Zachariah Roſſel* ſhall be ſufficient Vouchers to them reſpectively for the Articles by them delivered; and that the ſaid *Jonathan Baldwin* be allowed a reaſonable Compenſation for his Time and Expences in removing, purchaſing and conveying the ſaid Ammunition to the Places above-directed, excluſive of the Expence of making up into Cartridges, taking Charge of, and delivering out the ſame.

3d. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Jonathan Baldwin* be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treaſury any Sum not exceeding *Forty Thouſand Pounds* for the above Purpoſes, for which he is to be accountable to the Legiſlature, and whoſe Receipt ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the Treaſurer for the ſaid Sum; and that the ſaid *Jonathan Baldwin* do, as ſoon as poſſible, tranſmit to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, an Account of what Ammunition he has purchaſed in Virtue of the ſaid Reſolution, to be laid before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting.

4th. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Abraham Kitchel*, Eſquire, or Perſon by him appointed, be directed to ſend Returns every three Months of the Ammunition in his Care, the Quantity iſſued, and to whom, and what remains in Store, to the ſaid *Jonathan Baldwin*, at *Princeton*, to be by him tranſmitted, together with like Returns of that in his own Charge, to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, at the like Periods, that the ſame may be laid before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting thereafter.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Low* do carry the ſaid Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

5th. *Reſolved*, That the Auditor of Accounts be directed immediately to call upon *John Denton*, of *Princeton*, to ſettle his Accounts relative to the Ammunition which he was directed to purchaſe, and Money which he drew from the Treaſury, in Virtue of a Reſolution of the Legiſlature of *May* 1ſt laſt.

The re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*, was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Seabrook* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe with Amendments agreed to by both Houſes.

Mr. *Baker* reported, that Mr. *Seabrook* and himſelf had delivered the Bills and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, March 20, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Iſrael Shreve*, Colonel of the ſecond *Jerſey* Regiment, recommending *William Shute*, *Peter Falkner* and *James Rhea*, to be appointed as Enſigns in ſaid Regiment; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe will at this Time go into a Joint-Meeting for electing Officers to fill up the Vacancies in ſaid Regiment? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, ſeconded by Mr. *Biddle*:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	
Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	

Mr. *Sharp* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe having conſidered the Report of the Committee of Accounts,

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer be directed and empowered to pay to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, the Sums allowed to them reſpectively;

Ordered, That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Morris* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Morris* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Reſolved, That *Peter Covenhoven*, of *Upper-Freehold*, in the County of *Monmouth*, be, and he hereby is appointed Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties of *Burlington* and *Monmouth*, in the Room and Stead of *William Hough*, Eſquire; and that *William Kelſey*, Eſquire, of the County of *Cumberland*, be appointed Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, in the Room of *Timothy Elmer*, Eſquire, whoſe Office is become vacant by his Election to, and Acceptance of, a Seat in the Legiſlature; and that *Jonathan Stiles*, junior, of the County of *Morris*, be appointed Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties

of *Bergen*, *Morris* and *Suſſex*, in the Room and Stead of *Joſeph Lewis*; and that *William Verbryck*, Eſquire, of the County of *Somerſet*, be appointed Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Somerſet*, in the Room of *Jeſſe Hart*; and that the Treaſurer of this State for the Time being, be authorized and directed to pay to the ſaid Paymaſters reſpectively, during the Receſs of the Legiſlature, the following Sums, *viz.*

To *Peter Covenhoven*, any Sum not exceeding *Thirty Thouſand Pounds.*
To *William Kelſey*, any Sum not exceeding *Five Thouſand Pounds.*
To *Jonathan Stiles*, junior, any Sum not exceeding *Thirty Thouſand Pounds.*
To *William Verbryck*, any Sum not exceeding *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds*, whoſe Receipts reſpectively ſhall be ſufficient Vouchers to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in his Settlement with the State.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Paymaſters above appointed ſhall be entitled to the ſame Compenſation for paying out the Monies which ſhall be by them drawn from the Treaſury for the Payment of the Militia, as were allowed to the Paymaſters appointed to pay the Militia by a Reſolution of the Legiſlature of the 6th *December*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer be authorized and directed, during the Receſs of the Legiſlature, to pay to *Iſaac Halſey*, Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties of *Eſſex* and *Middleſex*, any Sum not exceeding *Twenty Thouſand Pounds*; and to *Thomas Carpenter*, Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties of *Glouceſter* and *Salem*, any Sum not exceeding *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, for which they are to be accountable; and whoſe Receipts reſpectively for the Sums ſo drawn ſhall be ſufficient Vouchers to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in his Settlement with the State.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the above Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 20, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly, reſpecting the purchaſing and procuring an ample Supply of Ammunition for the Militia of this State,

'*Reſolved*, That the Council do concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for raiſing certain Fines and Forfeitures*; which was read a ſecond Time, and ſundry Amendments made thereto;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be read a third Time.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The Repreſentation of Colonel *Iſrael Shreve*, of the ſecond *New-Jerſey* Regiment, ſtating ſundry Grievances which the ſaid Brigade, as he conceives, are ſubjected to, and praying Redreſs, was read and referred to further Conſideration.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for raiſing certain Fines and Forfeitures*, was read a third Time, with the Amendments; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Nilſon*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Stelle*,
Mr. *Blanch*.	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sparks* and Mr. *Bunn* do carry the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments thereto annexed, to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.

Three Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 20, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Owners of the* Pigeon *Swamp*, '*Marſhes and Ponds adjoining*, *in the South Ward of* New-Brunſwick, *in the County* '*of* Middleſex, *to open and keep clear of Obſtructions a certain Watercourſe and Ditch*, '*for draining the ſaid Swamp*, *Marſhes and Ponds*, is paſſed by the Council without Amendment.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 20, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage and Reſolution 'from the the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Morris*, authorizing the Treaſurer to pay to the ſeveral Perſons therein named the Sum in 'the ſaid Reſolution mentioned, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of 'Accounts;

'*Reſolved*, That this Houſe do concur in the Reſolution contained in the ſaid 'Meſſage.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 20, 1780.

'THE Council having taking into Conſideration the Meſſage of this Day, by 'Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Blanch*, reſpecting the Appointment of Paymaſters of 'the Militia, and authorizing them to draw Money for paying the ſame;

'*Reſolved*, That this Houſe do concur in the Reſolutions contained in the ſaid 'Meſſage.'

Whereas by the Advancement of Prices, the Expences of Board and Entertainment are become ſo high, that the Wages and Salaries granted in the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine*, *and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty*, *incluſive*, *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and other contingent Charges thereof to the ſeveral Officers therein mentioned*, are not adequate to the Services required of them; for which Reaſon it is neceſſary to make them a further Allowance: And whereas in the preſent fluctuating State of the Money, the annual Salaries may, with more Propriety, be determined on at the Cloſe of the preſent Seſſion, and it is therefore only expedient at this Time to make Proviſion for ſuch as in ſaid Act are allowed Wages by the Day; therefore,

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer be and he is hereby empowered and required to pay to each of the Members of the Council and Aſſembly *Twenty Dollars* each per Day, for the Time they have or ſhall reſpectively attend at this preſent Sitting; and to the Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Aſſembly, the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* each per Day, for the Time they have or may reſpectively attend during the ſaid Sitting; and to the Clerk of the Council the Sum of *Six Shillings and Three-pence* per Sheet, for copying the Proceedings of the Council; and to the Clerk of the Aſſembly the Sum of *Six Shillings and Three-pence* per Sheet for copying

pying the Laws and Proceedings of the Houſe of Aſſembly; all which Sums ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer over and above the Sums allowed in the above-recited Act, on ſuch Certificates as therein are directed; which Certificates and Endorſements thereon by the Perſons to whom they are made payable, ſhall be ſufficient Vouchers for ſo much Money to the Treaſurer in the Settlement of his Accounts; on the Queſtion, Whether the Members be allowed *Twenty Dollars* per Day in Addition to the Wages granted them in the Act for the Support of the Government? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Morris:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Broderick.*	Mr. *Neilſon*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,		Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Fithian*,		Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Bowen*,		Mr. *Sexton.*

On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Reſolution do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Kitchel:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Broderick.*	Mr. *Gano.*
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Sexton* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Reſolved, That the Auditor of Accounts of this State be authorized and directed immediately to ſtate an Account of ſuch Monies as have been paid out by this State, on the Account of the United States, ſince the Formation of the Conſtitution; whether drawn by the Paymaſters for the Purpoſe of paying the Militia, or expended in purchaſe of Ammunition for them; or for Clothing for the Brigade of this State; or paid on Warrants to the Officers or Soldiers of the Continental Army or Militia, diſabled in the Service of the United States; or on Warrants drawn by the United States on the Treaſury of this State; and alſo of ſuch Sums of Money as have been paid out of the Treaſury to the Superintendant of Purchaſes or his Order, for procuring Proviſions or other Supplies for the Uſe of the Army; or which may have been granted for any other Purpoſe whatſoever, on Account of the United States, as far as the ſame can be aſcertained; particularly ſpecifying the Time when, and the Purpoſe for, which each Draught was made upon the Treaſury, until the twentieth Day of *March*, Inſtant; and that he tranſmit the ſaid Accounts, from Time to Time, as ſoon as they can be clearly ſtated, to the Continental Board of Treaſury, that the ſame may be credited to the Account of this State; and that he lay a Copy thereof before the Legiſlature at their next Sitting.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Auditor of Accounts be authoriſed and directed hereafter monthly to tranſmit an Account of all Monies drawn from the Treaſury for the Uſe, or on Account of, the United States, to the Continental Board of Treaſury, for the Purpoſe mentioned in the above Reſolution.

Ordered,

Ordered, that Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Gano* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Reſolved, That *Enos Kelſey*, Eſquire, be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treaſurer of the State for the Time being, during the Receſs of the Legiſlature, from Time to Time, ſuch Sums as may be neceſſary for the Purchaſe of Clothing and other Articles of Subſiſtence for the Uſe of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, not exceeding in the Whole *Three Hundred Thouſand Pounds*, for which he is to be accountable, and whoſe Receipts ſhall be ſufficient Vouchers to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts;

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Gano* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for defraying ſundry Incidental Charges*, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether *Joſeph Biddle*, Eſquire, be allowed for making a Key to the Treaſury-Cheſt and repairing the Lock for the ſame, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds?* It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Thompſon.*
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Mott*,	
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Bunn*,	
Mr. Sparks,		*Mr. Mayhew*,	

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, March 21, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Bowen* reported, that Mr. *Sexton* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage and Reſolution with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, ſetting forth that they conſider themſelves greatly aggrieved by *George Anderſon*'s being appointed a Juſtice of the Peace in the Townſhip of *Nottingham;* alledging that the ſaid *George Anderſon* being a commiſſioned Officer in the military Line at the Time General *Waſhington* retreated with the Army over the *Delaware*, after having paſſed the River with them had deſerted from the ſaid Army, had applied to the Enemy for Protection at *Trenton*, and was very officious in giving *Iſaac Allen*, a Colonel in the King of *Great-Britain*'s Service, Intelligence reſpecting the Situation of our Army; that the ſaid *Anderſon* has repeatedly cauſed great Feuds and Commotions in the Company raiſed in the ſaid Townſhip, and that he is a Man of very little Property, and praying that the Commiſſion of a Juſtice of the Peace may be withdrawn from the ſaid *Anderſon;* alſo an Affidavit of *Charles Axford*, junior, taken before *Renſſalear Williams*, Eſquire, relative to the Conduct of the ſaid *George Anderſon*, were read;

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be filed, and that the Affidavit accompanying the ſaid Petition be tranſmitted to the Chief-Juſtice, and that the ſaid Chief-Juſtice be requeſted thereon to purſue the Steps preſcribed by Law.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do carry to the House of Assembly, the re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act for raising certain Fines and Forfeitures*, and acquaint them 'that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments';

Which Bill, with the Amendments, was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Mr. *Neilson* reported, that Mr. *Gano* and himself had delivered the Resolutions with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Gano*, respecting the authorizing 'and empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw from the Treasurer of this State, 'during the Recess of the Legislature, such Sums as may be necessary for the Purchase of Clothing, *&c.* for the Troops of this State, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said 'Message.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Gano*, respecting the authorizing and 'directing the Auditor of Accounts of this State to state certain Accounts of Monies issued on Account of the United States, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said 'Message.'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, and having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to explain and amend the Act, intitled, An* Act *to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same and other Bills of Credit, and the Supplement thereto*, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Baker*.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Foster* do carry the same to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State for the Time being be authorized and empowered to pay to each of the Delegates, who attended on the Part of this State in the Congress of the United States for the Year past, the Sum of *Ten Dollars* by the Day, for each Day he has so attended, reckoning from the first Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, during the continuance of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for the Support of the Government of the State of* New-Jersey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to end the second* Tuesday *in* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, passed *November* the twenty-eighth, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, in Addition to the Wages allowed them in the said Act,

Act, and to be paid them on producing their Accounts reſpectively, authenticated in the Manner therein directed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Foſter* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Mayhew* reported, that Mr. *Foſter* and himſelf had delivered the Bill, Meſſage and Reſolution with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Martin*, or either of them, be a Committee to 'join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly to attend at the *Jerſey* Brigade, 'in the Receſs of the Legiſlature, and enquire into the Complaints ſet forth in 'the Repreſentation of the Officers of the ſaid Brigade againſt the State Clothier, '*&c.* and make Report thereon at the next Sitting of the Legiſlature.'

The Houſe having conſidered the Reſolution contained in the ſaid Meſſage,

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Carmichael*, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council for the Purpoſe in the ſaid Reſolution expreſſed; and that Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Smock* do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to explain and amend the Act, intitled, An* Act *to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the ſame and other Bills of Credit, and the Supplement thereto*, reported the ſame, with ſundry Amendments.

On the firſt Section a Motion was made by M. *Baker*, ſeconded by Mr. *Stelle*, that the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State*, &c. *and the Supplement thereto*, be ſuſpended, with Reſpect to all Debts, Obligations and Contracts made or entered into before the firſt Day of *March*, 1778.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, ſeconded by Mr. *Mott*:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nay.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Foſter*,			
Mr. *Sparks*,			
Mr. *Kitchel*,			
Mr. *Bowen*.			

A Motion was made by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp*, that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed, which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Bunn*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Bowen*.
		Mr. *Fenimore*,	

A Motion

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Fenimore*, that the Words 'with Reſpect to all Debts, Obligations or Contracts made or entered into before 'the firſt Day of *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine; and 'in all other Caſes, ſhall continue in full Force and Effect,' be ſtruck out; which was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Neilſon*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Smock*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Hopkins*.
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Fithian*.	*Mr. Mayhew*,	
Mr. Foſter,		*Mr. Sharp*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the firſt Section do paſs? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Foſter*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Mayhew*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be engroſſed? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Hildreth*.	Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.

Reſolved, That *Enos Kelſey*, Eſquire, be authorized to retain in his Hands at the Rate of *Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds* per Annum, for all the Time he has acted as State Clothier of this State, and Purchaſer of Supplies for the better Subſiſtence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, ſince the thirteenth Day of *October*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, or ſhall hereafter act in thoſe Capacities, in Addition to the Sums allowed to him as Salaries for thoſe Services.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Hildreth* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe will riſe this Evening? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Baker*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Fenmore*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Foster*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Bowen*.
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,		
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,		
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Thompson*,		
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.		

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that Mr. *Hildreth* and himself had delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Sexton*, respecting the making Allowance to the Members of the Council and Assembly, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Foster*, respecting the authorizing the Treasurer to pay to each of the Delegates, on the Part of this State, *&c.* the Sum of *Ten Dollars* by the Day, in Addition to the Wages allowed them in the Support Bill, passed twenty-eighth *November*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Martin* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay unto each of the Justices of the Supreme Court, such Sum as, with the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* allowed by Law, will amount to their reasonable Expences in attending the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in any County, before the second *Tuesday* in *October* next: Provided always, that not more than two such Courts are held in any one County within that Time; one to be held at the Time appointed, in the usual Manner for holding the Courts of *Nisi Prius*; and the other, if Occasion shall require it, on Application made in Writing, signed by the major Part of the Freeholders chosen for such County, together with the Justices of the Peace of the same, to any one or more of the said Justices of the Supreme Court: Provided also, that no such Allowance be made to more than two of the said Justices for attending any one of the Sessions of such County; and provided also, that no such Payment shall be made for holding the said Courts at the Time the Supreme Court shall be sitting; the said Money to be paid on an Account to be drawn up and sworn to by the Justice demanding the same; which Account, attested to as aforesaid, together with the Receipt of the Justices demanding the same, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Payment of such Money.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Resolved, That the Printer be directed immediately to strike off Two Hundred

and Fifty Copies of the Act, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for procuring Provisions for the Use of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for settling the publick Accounts of this State;* and Nine Hundred Copies of the Act, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the supplementary Act thereto;* to be distributed to the several Counties in the same Proportion as the Laws are directed to be distributed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself had delivered the Resolutions with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Hildreth*, respecting the Payment of an annual Sum to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, in Addition to his Salary as State Clothier, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *March* 21, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Blanch*, the one respecting the Payment of the Expences of the Justices of the Supreme Court, in attending the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, *&c.* and the other respecting the directing the Printer to strike off a Number of Copies of the Acts therein-mentioned;

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolutions in the said Message respectively contained.'

The House adjourned to meet at *Trenton*, on *Wednesday* the tenth Day of *May* next, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

BY VIRTUE of an ORDER of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of *New-Jersey*, I DO hereby appoint *Isaac Collins*, of *Trenton*, to print these Votes.

CALEB CAMP, *Speaker*.

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE

OF

NEW-JERSEY,

At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 26th Day of *October*, 1779, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE THIRD SITTING OF THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE of NEW-JERSEY.

TRENTON, Wedneſday, May 10, 1780.

PURSUANT to Adjournment from the laſt Sitting, ſundry Members met; and, not being a Quorum to proceed to Buſineſs, adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Thurſday, May 11, 1780.

The Members in Town met purſuant to Adjournment; and, not being a Quorum, adjourned till three 'o Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* do wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Aſſembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* be a Committee to inſpect the Journals, and to report ſuch Buſineſs as ſtands referred, or remains unfiniſhed, from the laſt Sitting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Sexton* be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That *Robert Robertſon* be Doorkeeper to the Houſe, during the preſent Sitting.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, May 12, 1780.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor was preſented by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with ſundry Reſolutions of Congreſs, one of the 18th of *March* laſt, recommending to the ſeveral States to continue to bring into the Continental Treaſury their full Quotas of *Fifteen Million* of *Dollars*, and for iſſuing new Money, *&c.* and a Reſolution of the 20th of *March*, recommending a Reviſal of the Law uſually called the Tender Act, with a Letter from His Excellency the Preſident, of the 20th of *March*, which accompanied the ſaid Reſolution: alſo a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 21ſt of *March*, recommending it to the States to ſuſpend the Appointment of Officers, *&c.* and alſo a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 15th of *April*, reſpecting the furniſhing of Clothing to the Officers of the Hoſpital and medical Staff; and likewiſe a Letter from the Treaſury Office of the 15th of *April*, encloſing the Account of the United States with the State of *New-Jerſey*; and a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 24th of *April*, on the Subject of Money and Supplies; which Meſſage, Reſolutions and Letters, were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Dover*, in the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the expoſed and precarious Situation of that Part of the ſaid County, and praying that an Act may be paſſed for raiſing a Volunteer Company of thirty Men for their Defence;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Memorial from the Juſtices and Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the diſtreſſed State of the Frontiers of that County, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That *Patrick Murray* be Sergeant at Arms to this Houſe, for executing the Orders of the Houſe as Occaſion may require.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the County of *Eſſex*, was preſented and read, praying a Law may be enacted for forfeiting the Eſtates of Perſons convicted of an illicit Trade with the Enemy, and for impriſoning their Perſons during the War;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Eſſex*, in Favour of *William Matthews*, a Private in Capt. *Williams*'s Company, in Col. *Cortland*'s Regiment of Militia, and wounded in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *William Matthews* for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* monthly, being his Half-pay during Life.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Sparks* be a Committee to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Mott*, be a Committee to inſpect and correct the Journals of the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Whereas a Number of the Members of this Houſe have not attended at the Time to which the Houſe was adjourned, whereby the urgent Buſineſs of the State is delayed and impeded; therefore,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker be directed to ſummon Meſſieurs *Brookfield*, *Stelle*, *Sebring*, *Foſter*, *Low*, *Sharp*, *Rennard*, *Whilden*, *Townſend*, *Hildreth*, *Cook*, *Thompſon*, *Hopkins* and *Broderick*, abſent Members, immediately to attend their Duty in this Houſe; and that he give Order to the Sergeant at Arms for that Purpoſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, May 13, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sebring* appeared and took his Seat in the Houſe.

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Acquackanonck*, in the County of *Eſſex*, expreſſing the Deſire of the Petitioners, that the Certificates given by the Commiſſaries and Quartermaſters may be received in Payment of Taxes; ſetting forth the Inequality of the Aſſeſſments in ſaid County; and alledging that an extra Proportion of Tax is paid by the ſaid Townſhip, compared with the adjoining Townſhip in the neighbouring County of *Bergen*;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Repreſentation from the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that there are no Gaols in or near the Middle of the State that are capable of holding Priſoners with any Degree of Security, except that of *Burlington*, which, from the many and recent Eſcapes from thence, through the Negligence or Corruption of the Sheriff and Gaoler, may be conſidered as inſecure as any Gaol in this State; that the many Inſtances of Priſoners, charged with the moſt atrocious Crimes, having lately made their Eſcape before a Trial could be had, are greatly diſcouraging to many good People of this State, who have been active in apprehending Offenders; and praying the Legiſlature would grant ſuch Remedy in the Premiſes as to them ſhall ſeem adequate;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Memorial of the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that the ſaid County is deſtitute of a Courthouſe and Gaol, and praying that a Law may be paſſed granting Liberty to have the Vote of the County to fix the Place where a Gaol and Courthouſe ſhall be built;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Letter from the Juſtices of the Supreme Court to the Speaker, was preſented and read, recommending that on Reverſal of Judgment for Error in Caſes of Seizures of Goods, ſuppoſed to have been brought from within the Enemy's Lines, the Defendant in Error, on Payment of Coſts, may be allowed a Trial *de Novo* in the Court below upon the Merits of the Cauſe.

Ordered, That Meſſieurs *Morris*, *Hornblower*, *Smock* and *Wilſon*, be a Committee to reviſe the Laws to prevent an illicit Trade with the Enemy, and that the abovementioned Letter be referred to the ſaid Committee.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the dangerous Conſequences of the Trade carried on with the Enemy, complaining of the Delays, Troubles and Expence Captors are put to by the Practice of replevying the Goods ſeized and condemned, and the Diſcouragements thence ariſing to the virtuous Part of the Community, and Encouragement thereby given to that illicit and deſtructive Trade;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Committee to whom was committed the Letter from the Juſtices of the Supreme Court.

Ordered, That Meſſieurs *Neilſon*, *Morris*, *Seabrook* and *Wilſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the Act, intitled, *An Act for appointing a Commiſſary of Priſoners*, &c.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace in and for the County of *Salem*, in Favour of *Charlton Sheppard*, late a

Captain in Col. *Benjamin Holmes*'s Regiment of Militia in ſaid County, and wounded in the Service of the United States, was preſented, read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Charlton Sheppard* for the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* monthly, being his Half-pay during Life.

Whereas *Jonathan Baldwin*, Eſq. appointed to purchaſe Ammunition for the Uſe of the Militia of this State by a Reſolution of the Legiſlature of *March* 18th laſt, has not acted under the ſaid Appointment; therefore,

Reſolved, That *Elias Woodruff*, Eſq. of *Princeton*, be, and he hereby is appointed to purchaſe, take Charge of, procure to be made into Cartridges, and deliver out the Quantity of Ammunition directed to be purchaſed by the ſaid *Jonathan Baldwin* in the Reſolution above referred to; that he draw from the Treaſury any Sum not exceeding *Forty Thouſand Pounds* for the ſaid Purpoſes; and that he be entitled for his Services to the Allowances in the ſaid Reſolution mentioned.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Elias Woodruff*, Eſq. be directed to collect and take into his Charge the Ammunition belonging to this State in whoſeſoever Hands the ſame may be depoſited, excluſive of what may remain in the Hands of the Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments for the Uſe of their Regiments; and that he make Returns of the Ammunition agreeable to the ſaid Reſolution.

Reſolved, That the above Reſolution, as far as it relates to the Appointment of *Jonathan Baldwin* and *Abraham Kitchel*, Eſquires, and authorizing the ſaid *Jonathan Baldwin* to draw Money from the Treaſury, be, and the ſame is hereby made void.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, May 15, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Whilden* and Mr. *Townſend*, appeared and took their Seats in the Houſe.

The Memorial of the Juſtices, Freeholders and other Inhabitants, of the County of *Bergen*, ſetting forth the diſtreſſed State of the Frontiers of that County, and praying Relief, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be committed to Meſſieurs *Wilſon*, *Seabrook*, *Hornblower*, *Neilſon*, *Fenimore*, *Sebring* and *Kitchel*; and that they report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Dover*, in the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth the expoſed and precarious Situation of that Part of the ſaid County, and praying that an Act may be paſſed for raiſing a Volunteer Company of thirty Men for their Defence, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the laſt mentioned Committee.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 18th of *March* laſt, recommending to the ſeveral States to continue to bring into the Continental Treaſury their full Quota of *Fifteen Million* of *Dollars*, and for iſſuing new Money, &c. and a Reſolution of the 20th of *March*, recommending a Reviſal of the Laws uſually called the Tender Acts, were read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That Meſſieurs *Morris*, *Biddle*, *Sebring*, *Neilſon* and *Hornblower*, with ſuch other Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in the above Reſolutions; and that Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Townſend* do wait on the Council

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and requeſt them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, together with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 21ſt of *March*, recommending it to the States to ſuſpend the Appointment of Officers, *&c.* was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Joint-Meeting.

The Reſolution of Congreſs of the 15th *April* laſt, reſpecting the furniſhing Clothing to the Officers of the Hoſpital and Medical Staff, was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Sexton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, intitled, *An Act to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raiſed or to be raiſed in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End.*

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Letter from His Excellency the Preſident of Congreſs of the 20th *March* laſt, and alſo a Circular Letter from the Preſident of Congreſs of the 24th *April*, urging the Neceſſity of a ſpeedy Compliance with the Meaſures recommended in the Reſolutions of Congreſs of *March* 18th, were read and referred to the Committee of Conference.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Carmichael* reported, that Mr. *Townſend* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage and Papers accompanying the ſame to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Bowen* appeared and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 13, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Buck* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them 'that a ſufficient Number of Members to make a Houſe have met, and 'this Day proceeded to Buſineſs.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 15, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Sinnickſon* and Mr. *Martin*, with ſuch other 'Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee of the Council to join a 'Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter 'of the Reſolutions of Congreſs of the 18th and 20th *March* laſt; that the Com-'mittee meet at the Houſe of *Jacob G. Bergen* at nine o'Clock To-morrow Morn-'ing; and that Mr. *Buck* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'therewith.'

On Motion,

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the Doors of this Houſe be kept open, and that the Inhabitants of the State be permitted to be preſent at the tranſacting the Buſineſs of the Houſe, except on ſuch particular Occaſions as in the Opinion of the Houſe ſhall require Secrecy.

Agreeably to the Directions of an Act, intitled, *An Act for completing the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, paſſed *March* 11th, 1780, *Abijah Holmes*, Muſtermaſter, tranſmitted a Return of thirteen Soldiers, enliſted in the County of *Cumberland*, and by him muſtered according to Law, and *William Kelſey*, Eſq. Paymaſter for the ſaid County, ſent to the Houſe an Account of Monies by him paid out to the above-mentioned Recruits, and to Captain *Cummings*, the Officer who recruited them, accompanied by the proper Vouchers, amounting in the Whole to *Two Thouſand Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, which Return and Accounts, with the Vouchers annexed, were read;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian*, Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Cook*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for apprehending and bringing to Juſtice, Perſons charged with encouraging Deſertion, or with concealing or harbouring Deſerters from the Army of the United States, and for repealing the former Act for that Purpoſe.

Mr. *Neilſon*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to attend at the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, in the Receſs of the Legiſlature, to enquire into the Complaints ſet forth in the Repreſentation of the Officers of the ſaid Brigade againſt the State-Clothier, *&c.* reported as follows:

THAT agreeably to the ſaid Appointment, they had met at the *New-Jerſey* Camp; and having heard the Charges exhibited againſt *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. State-Clothier, by the Officers of the ſaid Brigade, and the Teſtimony produced to ſupport the ſame, are of Opinion, that the ſaid Charges herewith delivered as ſupported by the Teſtimony, which alſo accompanied this Report, is ſufficient Evidence that the Complaints of the ſaid Officers were not Groundleſs; but as the ſaid *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. tho' ſerved with a Copy of the Reſolution, and acquainted with the Time and Place of the Meeting of the Committee, did not attend to anſwer the Charges againſt him, or aſſign Reaſons why the Brigade had not been better ſerved; your Committee cannot determine whether it was in the Power of the Clothier to have ſupplied ſome of the Articles ſaid to be deficient in Seaſon or not, but in ſome Inſtances it appears evident he has neglected his Duty as Clothier and Agent of the State, for providing and iſſuing Stores to the Troops in Addition to the Teſtimony in Support of Part of the fourth Charge in the Liſt. It is neceſſary to inform the Houſe that a Number of Veſts and Breeches were produced to the Committee, which were evidently too ſmall for the moſt minute Perſon in the Character of a Soldier, and which the Officers declared were left after providing the ſmalleſt Men, and even Boys with thoſe Articles; ſome Shirts were alſo ſhewn to the Committee, which had been delivered to the Men, much too ſmall for them, by Reaſon whereof they were greatly worn out, tho' but ſeldom uſed: The Whole of which together with the Depoſitions taken on the Occaſion, we ſubmit to the Houſe for their Conſideration and Determination.

Trenton, *15th May*, 1780. *By Order of the Committee*,

JOHN NEILSON.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will go into the Examination of the Truth of the Charges exhibited by the Officers of the Brigade of this State againſt *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. State-Clothier, on *Wedneſday* the 24th Day of *May*, Inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

Ordered, That the Officers of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade be ſerved with a Copy of the above Reſolution; and that they have Leave to introduce their Evidence in Support of the Charges exhibited by them againſt the ſaid *Enos Kelſey*, on ſaid Day.

Ordered, That *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. be ſerved with a Copy of the above Reſolution, and of the Charges exhibited againſt him, accompanying the ſame, and that he have Leave to introduce ſuch Evidences as may appear to him neceſſary in his Defence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Foſter*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Fithian*, with ſuch other Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly to join a Committee of the Council, in order to examine into the Truth of the Charges exhibited by the Officers of the Brigade of this State againſt *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. State-Clothier, on *Wedneſday* the twenty-fourth Day of *May*, Inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and that Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Blanch* do wait on the Council, and requeſt them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, to meet at the Houſe of *Jacob G. Bergen*.

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The Petition of *Robert Burchan*, of the County of *Burlington*, was presented and read, setting forth that in *November*, 1776, when the Enemy was advancing from *Trenton* to *Burlington*, the publick Records of the State were deposited in his Hands; that he has never had any Recompence for his extraordinary Care and Trouble respecting the said Records; and praying a Reward; was read, and ordered to be filed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, May 16, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Reunard* and Mr. *Stelle* appeared and took their Seats in the House.

The Committee appointed on *Monday* last withdrew to attend the Joint-Conference; and then the House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Committee of Conference withdrew; and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, May 17, 1780.

The House met.

The Committee of Conference withdrew; and then the House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* have Leave of Absence on Account of his Indisposition.

The Committee of Conference again withdrew; and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, March 18, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Brookfield* appeared and took his Seat in the House.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the Committee of Conference again withdrew; and then the House adjourned to three of the Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Blanch* appeared and took his Seat in the House.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Resolutions of Congress of the eighteenth and twentieth Days of *March* last, reported as follows:

THAT having met agreeable to Appointment, and considered the Matters to them referred, they are of Opinion, that it is necessary for the Legislature of this State to enact Laws to carry into Effect the said Resolutions of Congress in all Respects, except the second Resolution of the eighteenth of *March*, which recommends that Silver and Gold be receivable in Payment of Taxes, at the Rate of Forty for one, of the present Continental Currency, which the Conferrees think would be inexpedient in this State.

May 18th, 1780. *By Order of the Committee*,

SILAS CONDICT,
ROBERT MORRIS.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Fenimore*, that the above Report be amended by striking out the Words, 'in all Respects:' On the

Question,

Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Sebring* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for adopting and carrying into Execution, the Reſolutions of Congreſs of the 18th *March* laſt, agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hornblower*, Mr. *Neilſon* and Mr. *Morris*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeable to the Reſolution of Congreſs of the 20th *March* laſt.

A Memorial of ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Lower Alloways* Creek, in the County of *Salem*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that they, their Anceſtors and Predeceſſors, amongſt others, had by Purchaſe become poſſeſſed of a Tract of Land of 10,000 Acres, originally granted by *John Fenwick*, Eſq. unto *Henry Salter* by Deed, dated in *England*, *March* 18th, *Anno Domini* 1663, and conveyed by *John Salter*, Son and Heir at Law of the ſaid *Henry Salter*, to his Mother *Anne Salter* by a Nuncupative Will, dated the ſeventh Day of the *ninth Month*, 1688, properly proved and recorded, and by her deviſed to certain Perſons in Truſt, to be diſpoſed of, and the Produce of the Sales applied to charitable Uſes: That the Poſſeſſors of this Land had enjoyed it full ſeventy Years peaceably and unmoleſted, but that in late Years three ſeveral Claims, under as many ſole Heirs, had been advanced, one of which is avowed and publiſhed by *John Lee*, an Inhabitant of this State, as Agent for *Mary Forteſcue*, an Inhabitant of *England*, whereby they have been vexed and diſquieted, and in many Caſes liable to Injury, and praying that a Law may be enacted to bar the Heirs of *Henry Salter* to this particular Tract of Land, or more generally to declare what Length of Time peaceable Poſſeſſion of Lands ſhall effectually ſecure the Poſſeſſors, and bar all Claims whatſoever.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Memorial from Colonel *Matthias Ogden*, of the firſt *New-Jerſey* Regiment, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that he had, in a Remonſtrance ſigned by a Number of Officers of the firſt Regiment of *Jerſey*, been charged with falſely returning Captain *Ogden*, Paymaſter of the firſt *Jerſey* Regiment, in the laſt Returns called for by the Legiſlature, and alledging, that many of the Officers, whoſe Names were affixed to the ſaid Remonſtrance utterly diſavow the Signature, and praying to be indulged with the Uſe of the Original Remonſtrance, and Return for a few Days, in order to convince the Legiſlature of his Integrity and the Falſity of the Charge made againſt him: On the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted? It was carried in the Negative.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that many of the Soldiers enliſted in the Brigade of this State have been detained in the Service beyond the Time for which they were engaged, and praying that ſuch Soldiers as conceive themſelves aggrieved in this Reſpect may have a fair Trial, and that thoſe who are not enliſted during the War may be regularly diſcharged at the Expiration of their Time of Service; Whereupon,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to General *Maxwell* to direct a Court of Enquiry for hearing and determining upon the Complaints of ſuch of the Soldiers as conceive themſelves injured in this Inſtance, and to give Orders for the Diſcharge of thoſe whoſe Times of Service have expired, and that a Copy of the above Minute and Reſolution be tranſmitted by the Speaker to the General as ſoon as poſſible.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday

Friday, May 19, 1780.

The House met.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of *Morris*, in Favour of *Martha Hathaway*, Widow of *Shadrick Hathaway*, late a Serjeant in Captain *Noadiah Wade*'s Company, in Colonel *Ephraim Martin*'s Regiment, who died in the Service of the United States, having been mortally wounded in the Battle of *Germantown*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, was presented, read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Martha Hathaway*, for the Sum of *Thirty-seven Shillings and Six-pence* monthly, during her Widowhood.

A Petition from Major *Bruin* and Lieutenant *Little*, on Behalf of themselves, and of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates belonging to *New-Jersey*, in the Corps of Artificers under the Command of Colonel *Jeduthun Baldwin*, enclosing a Return of the Officers and Privates belonging to this State in the said Corps, was presented and read, praying that they may be admitted to the Privilege of drawing State Stores, and that the same Bounty may be allowed for raising Recruits to serve in the said Corps as is granted for Recruits enlisted into the Brigade of this State;

Ordered, That the said Petition and Return be filed.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of *Salem*, in Favour of *George M'Farland*, late an Ensign in Captain *Allen Congleton*'s Company, in Colonel *Silas Newcomb*'s Regiment and by an Accident disabled, in the Service of the United States, was presented, read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *George M'Farland* for the Sum of *Ten Dollars* monthly, during his Life.

The Petition of *Barent Striker*, Collector of the North Ward of *New-Brunswick*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth that he had, in order to relieve the Necessities of some of the Inhabitants of said Ward, received a Sum of *New-Jersey* Money in the Payment of the Tax, raised by a Law of this State, intitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of* One Million of Pounds, *in the State of* New-Jersey, after the Time limited by Law for paying it to the County Collector, and praying, that if the Legislature should pass a Law for the Relief of Persons in the like Circumstances, he may be included;

Ordered, That the same be referred for further Consideration.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber, May* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 13th Instant, by Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Fenimore*, respecting the Appointment of *Elias Woodruff*, Esq. of *Princeton*, to purchase, take Charge of, procure to be made into Cartridges, and deliver out Ammunition, &c.

'*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.'

Resolved, That the Governor or Commander in Chief of the State for the Time being, be authorized and empowered to engage one Horseman to carry Dispatches of a publick and urgent Nature, to be continued in that Service until ten Days after the first Meeting of the next Legislature, unless sooner discharged, and who, while so employed, shall be entitled to receive from any of the Paymasters of the Militia such Sum in Lieu of Bounty, Pay and Rations, as shall be certified under the Hand of the Governor or Commander in Chief, to be due to him for that

that Service, and that His Excellency be further authorized on any particular Occaſion, when Neceſſity requires, to employ another Horſeman for the ſame Service, to be paid in like Manner.

Ordered, That Mr. *Remard* and Mr. *Brookfield* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Hildreth* appeared and took his Seat in the Houſe.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Great-Eggharbour* and *Galloway*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, was preſented and read, praying, for certain Reaſons therein ſet forth, that a Law may be paſſed to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Tide Marſh, lying on *Abſecom* Creek, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Waterworks, acroſs the ſaid Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſaid Meadows and Marſh.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of the Aſſembly, on advertiſing the ſame in four of the moſt publick Places in each of the ſaid Townſhips, and alſo in the *New-Jerſey Gazette* at leaſt four Weeks previous thereto.

A Memorial and Petition from *Adam Boyd*, Eſq. Sheriff of the County of *Bergen*, with two Affidavits reſpecting the ſame, were preſented and read, praying that the Sum of *Nine Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds* publick Money in his Hands, burned in or plundered out of his Houſe by the Enemy, on the 23d of *March* laſt, may be remitted to him, and alſo that he be reimburſed by the State for the Loſs of a Negro Man taken at the ſame Time by the Enemy, thro' the Zeal of the Petitioner to ſave the Continental Troops at *Paramus* from a Surprize;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, May 20, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Hopkins* appeared and took their Seats in the Houſe.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent Deſertion, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpoſe;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions from the Counties of *Bergen* and *Monmouth*, reported as follows:

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Law be enacted for raiſing Three Hundred and Twenty Men by voluntary Enliſtment, for the Defence of the Frontiers of the State, to be ſo ſtationed as to afford the moſt effectual Protection from the Invaſions of the Enemy.

That the Act *for the regulating and arraying of the Militia, and the ſupplementary Act thereto*, be reviſed, and adapted to the peculiar Circumſtances of this State.

That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intitled, *An* Act *for appointing a Commiſſary of Priſoners for this State, and for veſting him with certain Powers;* that they introduce a Clauſe into the ſaid Bill, for authorizing the Commiſſary of Priſoners to give Orders for apprehending and ſecuring diſaffected Perſons for the Purpoſe of exchanging ſuch of the Citizens of this State, as may be taken and carried off by the Enemy.

That a Committee be appointed to bring in the Draught of a Bill for aſſeſſing and levying the Damages which may be ſuſtained from the Ravages of the Enemy by

by the Inhabitants of any Townſhip, Precinct or Ward in this State, as ſhall refuſe to aſſiſt in repelling the Inroads of the Enemy.

By Order of the Committee,

PETER WILSON.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Rennard*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for raiſing by voluntary Enliſtment three Hundred and Twenty Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State, agreeably to the firſt Article of the ſaid Report.

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Wilſon*, be a Committee to reviſe the Militia Laws, agreeably to the ſecond Article of the ſaid Report.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook*, Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Fithian*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill, agreeably to the fourth Paragraph in the ſaid Report.

Mr. *Sexton* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Brookfield* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Kitchel*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of the Forces raiſed or to be raiſed in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with ſundry Papers, was preſented by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, urging the Neceſſity of a well-regulated Militia in Time of War, and ſhewing the Inadequacy of the preſent Militia Laws to anſwer the Purpoſe for which they were intended from the fruitleſs Efforts of the executive Powers of Government to draw forth the Militia for the Defence of the Frontiers of the State, *&c.* and recommending the Reviſal of the ſaid Laws.

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage be filed.

A Memorial from the Magiſtrates and other civil and military Officers in the Precincts of *New Barbados*, *Herrington* and *Hackinſack*, in the County of *Bergen*, ſetting forth the diſtreſſed Condition of the well-affected Inhabitants on the Frontiers of the ſaid County, and praying Relief: And a Petition from the Inhabitants of the South Ward of *Perth-Amboy*, on the ſame Subject and to the ſame Purport, and alſo a Letter from Colonel *Abijah Holmes*, of the County of *Cumberland*, which accompanied the ſaid Meſſage; were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee appointed to reviſe the Militia Laws.

A Letter from Colonel *Aſher Holmes* of the County of *Monmouth*, reſpecting the expoſed Situation of the ſaid County, which alſo accompanied the ſaid Meſſage, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill agreeably to the fourth Paragraph of the Report of the Committee on the Petition from the Counties of *Bergen* and *Monmouth*.

A Petition from *Jeſſe Sutton*, of the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that in the Year 1775, he had entered into Articles of Agreement with *Joſeph Barton*, as Agent for *Oliver Delancey*, of the City of *New-York*, for the Purchaſe of a Tract of Land in ſaid County, reciting in his Petition a Copy of ſaid Articles; that in conſequence of ſaid Agreement he had taken Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Tract of Land, and made very conſiderable Improvements thereon; but that the ſaid *Barton* having ſince gone over to the Enemy without giving

him a Deed, or receiving any Part of the Purchase-Money, the Lands have been sold by the Commissioners; and praying that the said Tract of Land may be restored to him upon his making Satisfaction to the State agreeably to the Articles of Agreement entered into with *Barton*;

Ordered, That the same be filed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth the Difficulties and Discouragements Persons are liable to in the Case of Goods seized, as being brought from within, or attempted to be carried into, the Lines of the Enemy, when the Judgment of the Magistrate, before whom the Trial was had, being reversed by the Justices of the Supreme Court for Error in the Proceedings, the Captor, though the Seizure be just, has no Remedy, and praying that a Law may be enacted authorizing the Justices of the Supreme Court to award a new Trial upon the Merits of the Cause;

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee to whom was committed the Memorial from the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Two Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, on the same Subject and to the same Purport, were read, and ordered to be referred to the last mentioned Committee.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, *May* 20, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to empowering the Governor to engage Horsemen to carry Dispatches of a publick Nature, *&c.*'

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The Memorial of the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Somerset*, setting forth that the said County is destitute of a Courthouse and Gaol, and praying that a Law may be passed granting Liberty to have the Vote of the County to fix the Place where a Gaol and Courthouse shall be built, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Vandyke* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for that Purpose.

The Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to and vesting in the State of* New-Jersey *the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, *May* 22, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Morris*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering the Place of holding the inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for Building a temporary Gaol in the said County*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of sundry Accounts stated and reported by the Auditor of Accounts at the last Sitting, which were allowed, as follows:

Dr.

Dr. *Samuel Pennington*, one of the Commiſſioners for purchaſing Clothing in the County of *Eſſex*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

To Caſh received,	£.	1,140	12	6	By Caſh paid out for ſundry Articles purchaſed and delivered, in Purſuance of his Appointment, -	£. 1,190	11 8
Balance due *Samuel Pennington*,		49	19	2			
	£.	1,190	11	8			

Dr. *John Butler*, one of the Commiſſioners for purchaſing Clothing, in the County of *Burlington*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

To Caſh received, -	£.	467	15	9	By Caſh paid out for ſundry Articles purchaſed and delivered, in Purſuance of his Appointment,	£. 467	15 9

Dr. *Jared Sexton*, Eſq. one of the Commiſſioners for purchaſing Cloathing, in the County of *Hunterdon*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

To Caſh received, - -	£.	1,450	0	0	By Caſh paid out for ſundry Articles purchaſed and delivered, in Purſuance of his Appointment,	£. 1,374	17 5
					Balance paid into the Treaſury,	75	2 7
						£. 1,450	0 0

Dr. *Edward Bunn*, Eſq. Paymaſter to the nine Months Men, in the County of *Somerſet*, Cr.

To Caſh received, -	£.	2,200	0	0	By Caſh paid out as per Vouchers, in Purſuance of his Appointment,	£. 1,507	14 3
					Balance due to the State	6,92	5 9
						£. 2,200	0 0

Dr. *John Tonkin*, one of the Commiſſioners for purchaſing Clothing, in the County of *Burlington*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, Cr.

To Caſh received, - -	£.	1,099	4	2			
Balance due *John Tonkin*,		56	5	4½	By Caſh paid out for ſundry Articles purchaſed and delivered, in Purſuance of his Appointment,	£. 1,155	9 6½
	£.	1,155	9	6½			

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer do require ſuch of the Perſons whoſe Accounts are above ſtated, as are indebted to the State, to pay the Balance of their Accounts as ſoon as poſſible; and that the ſaid Treaſurer be directed to pay to each of the Perſons above-mentioned, to whom a Balance is due from the State, ſuch Balance, on his Application for the ſame, whoſe Receipts reſpectively ſhall be ſufficient Vouchers to the ſaid Treaſurer, for ſo much of the publick Money in his Settlement with the State.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Mayhew* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Seabrook* reported that Mr. *Mayhew* and himſelf had delivered the Accounts reported by the Auditor, with the Meſſage and Reſolution with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Lieutenant Colonel *Barber*'s Inſtructions from the Colonels of the *Jerſey* Brigade, accompanied with the Arrangements of three *New-Jerſey* Regiments, were preſented and read; alſo a Repreſentation from Colonel *Iſrael Shreve* of the ſecond *New-Jerſey* Regiment, was preſented and read, recommending proper Perſons as Officers to be appointed by the Joint-Meeting to fill up the Vacancies in the ſaid Regiment;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Joint-Meeting.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for building and maintaining a Bridge over the South Branch of* Raritan *River, at a Place known by the Name of* Reading's Ford, which was read; likewiſe four Petitions from the Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon* were preſented and read, praying, for Reaſons therein ſet forth, that the ſaid Bill may not be paſſed into a Law.

On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Sebring*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sexton:*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.
		Mr. *Fenimore*,	

Mr. *Hornblower*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Journals of the laſt Sitting, and report ſuch Buſineſs as ſtands referred or remains unfiniſhed, reported as follows:

1ſt. THAT the Petition of *Simeon Izard*, of the County of *Cape-May*, ſetting forth that his Deeds and other Writings have been deſtroyed by Fire, and praying that a Law may be enacted to veſt the Title of his Lands in him, his Heirs and Aſſigns, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

2d. An Act of Congreſs of the fourteenth *January*, recommending to the Legiſlatures of the ſeveral States to make Proviſion for conferring certain Immunities and Privileges on the Subjects of his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, *&c.* was ordered a ſecond Reading.

3d. The Petition of *John Rubard*, of the County of *Somerſet*, ſetting forth, that his Deeds for a certain Houſe and Lot in *Griggs-Town* in ſaid County, were taken by the Enemy, and praying Relief, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

4th. The Bill intitled, *An* Act *for forfeiting to and veſting in the State of* New-Jerſey, *the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders*, &c. reported, with Amendments, was read, and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

5th. The Petition of the Legatees of *Cornelius Johnſon*, late of the County of *Hunterdon*, ſetting forth certain Deficiencies in the Laſt Will and Teſtament of the ſaid *Cornelius Johnſon*, and praying Leave to lay a true State of the Caſe before the Legiſlature, was ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

6th. The Petition of 441 Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, and 72 Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, on the Subject of the vacant Lands, were read, and ordered that the further Conſideration of ſaid Petitions be poſtponed.

7th. The Bill intitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge* Samuel Forman, Joſeph Lawrence *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *three of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates in the County of* Monmouth, *from their Appointment*, was read the ſecond Time, and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

8th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to preſerve the Buildings of this State belonging to the United States*, &c. was ordered a ſecond Reading.

9th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for incorporating ſundry Inhabitants of the Weſtern Part of the Townſhip of* Newark, *in the County of* Eſſex, *as Truſtees for the Community by the Name of the Truſtees of the Second Presbyterian Church, in* Newark, was referred over to this Sitting.

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10th. The Petition of *William Lawrence*, Gaoler, of the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth ſundry Grievances, and praying Redreſs, was referred to further Conſideration.

11th. A Committee was appointed to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Supplement to the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raiſed or to be raiſed in this State, for the Service of the United States*; but did not report.

12th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to confirm a Copy of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of* James Pew, *late of the Townſhip of* Middletown, *in the County of* Monmouth; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

13th. A Memorial from ſundry of the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, reſpecting the Barracks in ſaid Town; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

14th. A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, praying, that Commiſſioners may be appointed to take Charge of, and rent the Griſt-Mill and Forges in *Spotſwood*, in ſaid County, for the Benefit of the Publick; and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

15th. A Petition from *George* and *Abraham Van-Neſte*, Sons, and *Jacob Tenbrook*, *Rynear Staats*, Sons-in-Law of *Abraham Van-Neſte*, Eſq. deceaſed, praying a Rehearing, for Reaſons therein ſet forth, on their Petition for confirming the Will of *Abraham Van-Neſte*, deceaſed; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

16th. The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent Treſpaſſing with Guns*; was referred to this Sitting.

17th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Inhabitants of this State from plundering the Inhabitants of* Staten-Iſland, *and other Places in the Power of the Enemy*; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

18th. The ſuplementary Act to an Act, intitled, *An* Act *for building and maintaining a Bridge over* Coopers *Creek*, &c. was read, and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

19th. A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Bernard-Town*, in the County of *Somerſet*, praying, that a Diviſion may be made of ſaid Townſhip; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

20th. The Petition of *Lawrence Van-Hook*, of the Townſhip of *Morris-River*, in *Cumberland* County, ſetting forth ſundry Grievances, and praying Redreſs; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

21ſt. A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Stafford* and *Dover*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying that a Law may be enacted, clearly to aſcertain what Part of Wrecks belong to the Captors; was referred to the next Sitting.

22d. A Petition from the Reverend *Jacob Van-Arſdalen*, praying, that a Law may be enacted for incorporating ſundry Perſons in the ſaid Petition, named as Truſtees for the Society; was referred to the next Sitting.

23d. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for rebuilding, repairing and maintaining the Drawbridge over* Croſſwick's *Creek*; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

24th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter, amend and confirm the Charter of* Queen's *College, in* New-Jerſey; was ordered a ſecond Reading.

25th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to maintain and eſtabliſh the Mill-Dam, erected by* Charles Suydam, *on the North Side of* Raritan *River, near* Raritan *Landing, in the County of* Middleſex, *and the Memorial and Remonſtrance againſt the ſame, were read*; but no Determination made thereon.

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gano* have Leave of Abſence on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe being informed by Mr. *Cripps*, that a Quantity of Flour and *Indian* Corn, tranſmitted by the Contractor of the County of *Salem* to the Superintendant of Purchaſes of this State, for the Uſe of the Army, is now lying aboard a Boat at *Trenton* Landing; and that the Continental Agents in *Trenton* refuſe to take Charge of the ſame: The Boatman requeſts the Direction of the Houſe reſpecting the Diſpoſition of the ſaid Flour and Corn.

Whereupon, on Motion,

Ordered, That *Nicholas Keen*, the ſaid Boatman, proffer the ſaid Flour to Mr. *Lowrey* the Deputy-Commiſſary, &c. in *Trenton*, and the Corn to Mr. *Furman*, Deputy-Quartermaſter General, in *New-Jerſey*, and take their Receipts reſpectively for the ſame; and if they or either of them ſhall decline receiving the ſame, or any Part thereof, that the ſaid *Nicholas Keen* inform the Legiſlature thereof.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretray *Reed*, accompanied with a Letter from His Excellency the Preſident of Congreſs to the Governor, of the 19th Inſtant, together with a Reſolution of Congreſs, of the 20th, calling upon the ſeveral States, from *New-Hampſhire* to *Virginia* incluſive, to ſupply to the Continental Treaſury, within thirty Days, the Sums therein to them reſpectively aſſigned, were read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage, with the Papers accompanying the ſame, be committed to Mr. *Cripps*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Foſter*, Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Sexton*; and that they report their Opinion thereon to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, May 23, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for building a temporary Gaol in the ſaid County*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent Deſertion, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpoſe*; was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to the ſame Committee; and that Mr. *Mott* be added thereto.

The Petition of *Simeon Izard*, of the County of *Cape-May*, ſetting forth, that his Deeds and other Writings had been deſtroyed by Fire; and praying that a Law may be enacted to veſt the Title of his Lands in him, his Heirs and Aſſigns, was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Bunn*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to provide for the Relief of the Petitioner, and of others in like Circumſtances.

The *Act* of Congreſs of the 14th *January*, recommending to the Legiſlatures of the ſeveral States to make Proviſion for conferring certain Immunities and Privileges, on the Subjects of His Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That Mr. *Cripps*, Mr. *Hopkins*, and Mr. *Rennard*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe in the ſaid Reſolution expreſſed.

The Petition of *John Rubard*, of the County of *Somerſet*, ſetting forth, that his Deeds for a certain Houſe and Lot in *Griggs-Town*, in ſaid County, were taken by the Enemy, and praying Relief; was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee appointed on the Petition of *Simeon Izard*.

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Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 23, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act to alter the Laws directing the Descent of Real Estates*, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with their Amendments; also the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act for regulating of Constables*; and request their Concurrence therein.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 22, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *A supplementary Act to an Act for clearing and removing the several Obstructions of the free Course of the Waters in* Passaick *River; and the several Branches thereof between the Little Falls in said River and the Mill-Dam across said River, near* Dey's *Bridge; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is rejected by this House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, May 24, 1780.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 23, 1780.

'THAT Mr *Dey*, Mr. *Tallman* and Mr. *Holmes*, with such other Members as chooose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, in order to examine into the Truth of the Charges exhibited by the Officers of the Brigade of this State against *Enos Kelsey*, Esq. State-Clothier, at the Time and Place mentioned in the Message from the House of Assembly.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, assigned as the Quota of this State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Biddle*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to raise by voluntary Enlistment, for a limited Time, Three Hundred and Twenty Men, within this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Mayhew*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or are near expiring, reported as follows:

1st. THE Act for granting a Bounty upon Wool, Flax and Hemp, raised and sold within the State of *New-Jersey*, will expire at the End of this Sitting.

2d. *An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of* New-Jersey, *expired the first Day of last* April.

JOHN MAYHEW.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act for building a Courthouse and Goal, in the County of* Somerset, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Members withdrew to attend the Joint-Committee; and then the House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Whereas by the Petition of *James M'Gee* and others of the County of *Cumberland*,

land, and Neighbourhood of *Morris-River*, in the State of *New-Jerſey*, it appears highly neceſſary, that the ſaid *James M'Gee* be forthwith furniſhed with twenty-four Pair of boarding Piſtols, twenty-four Cutlaſſes, fifty-ſix Pounds of Powder, and two hundred and twenty-four Pounds of Lead, at the Expence of this State, in order the better to enable him to carry on his Deſigns in armed Boats, againſt the avowed Enemies of the United States; Therefore,

Reſolved, That Colonel *Elijah Hand*, of the Neighbourhood as aforeſaid, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered immediately to draw the Sum of *Five Thouſand Pounds*, from the Treaſurer of this State, in order therewith to procure the Arms and Ammunition as aforeſaid, or ſuch Part thereof, as he the ſaid *Elijah Hand* ſhall think moſt proper, to be delivered to the ſaid *M'Gee*, for and during the Time of his intended Cruize; he the ſaid *M'Gee* giving the ſaid *Elijah Hand*, in Behalf of the State of *New-Jerſey*, ſufficient Surety for the ſafe Delivery of the ſame to the ſaid *Elijah Hand*, or ſuch other Perſon as ſhall be authorized by the Authority of this State, to take Delivery of the ſame (Fire, Enemies, Danger of the Seas, and neceſſary Expenditures only excepted) and the Receipt of the ſaid *Elijah Hand* ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the Treaſurer for ſo much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for building a temporary Gaol in the ſaid County;* was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Azariah Dunham*, Superintendant of Purchaſes for this State, encloſing a Letter from Colonel *Clement Biddle*, and another from Governor *Livingston*, to him, ſetting forth ſundry Difficulties in his Department, and praying the Direction of the Houſe; which was read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters and Papers accompanying the ſame, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Letter from the Preſident of Congreſs, of the nineteenth Inſtant, and the Reſolutions of Congreſs of the twentieth; and that Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Carmichael* be added to the ſaid Committee.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, encloſing a Letter from General *Maxwell* to him, pointing out the Propriety of extending the Power of enliſting Recruits in the Act for completing the Quota of Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, to a further Period, and urging the Neceſſity of a Law for the Puniſhment of Perſons harbouring and concealing Deſerters from the Army; and for prohibiting the Inhabitants from purchaſing Clothing, Arms and Accoutrements, *&c.* from the Soldiers, was read and ordered to be filed.

The Petition of *John Hunt* was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he is Heir at Law to *John Hunt*, formerly of *Pennſylvania*, who in *September*, 1777, was removed from that State, as a dangerous and diſaffected Perſon, to the State of *Virginia*, where he died in *March*, 1778, leaving one-third of his Perſonal Eſtate to his Wife together with an Annuity in Lieu of Dower, and all the Reſt of his Real and Perſonal Eſtate (excepting *Ten Pounds Pennſylvania* Currency bequeathed to the Petitioner) to his Two Daughters, married and reſiding in *England*, thereby diſinheriting the Petitioner, as he conceives, for his Attachment to his Country; and praying that a Law may be enacted to inveſt the Real Eſtate of ſaid *John Hunt* in the Petitioner.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Agreeable to the Directions of an Act, intitled, *An Act for completing the Quota of the Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, passed March 1, 1780, *Benoni Hathaway*, Mustermaster, transmitted a Return of thirty-two Soldiers enlisted in the Counties of *Essex*, *Morris*, *Somerset* and *Sussex*, and mustered according to Law; and *Jonathan Stiles*, jun. Paymaster to the said Counties, sent to the House an Account of Monies by him paid out to thirty-one of the above-mentioned Recruits.

Ordered, That the said Returns be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *May* 24, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 22d Instant, by Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Mayhew*, and the several Accounts therein stated;

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 24, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower* Stacy Potts *to erect a Dam across* Assanpink *Creek, a little above his Paper-Mill, in* Trenton, and request their Concurrence therein;'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed by the House of Assembly to join a Committee of the Council, in order to examine into the Truth of the Charges exhibited by the Officers of the Brigade of this State against *Enos Kelsey*, Esq. Clothier of this State, reported as follows:

That they have attended at the Time and Place appointed for their Meeting, that Mr. *Kelsey* also attended at the same Time, with his Witnesses; but that no Evidences attended on the Part of the Complainants, and such Reasons were produced to the Committee for the Non-Attendance of the said Complainants as were deemed sufficient Ground in the Opinion of the Committee, for postponing the said Hearing at this Time.

THEUNIS DEY,
May 24, 1780. JOSIAH FOSTER.

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself had delivered the Bill, Resolution and Message, with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to raise by voluntary Enlistment, for a limited Time, Three Hundred and Twenty Men, within this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian*, Mr. *Van-Cleve*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Mott*, be a Committee to devise Ways and Means for calling out of the Hands of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, County Collectors, Sheriffs and other publick Officers, all Monies by them received, for the Use of the State; and that they make Report to the House.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Hunterdon* County was presented and read, setting forth the Impropriety of continuing the Acts making Continental Currency a legal Tender, and the Injustice thereby done to many of the Inhabitants of the State, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Tender Law.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, May 25, 1780.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel *De-Hart*, requesting that the House may not proceed to determine the Dispute between Lieutenant-Colonel *Barber* and himself respecting Rank; and that between his Brother *Cyrus De-Hart* and others, Officers of the First *Jersey* Regiment, on the same Subject, without giving them a Hearing; which was read and ordered to be filed.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel *Chamberlain* of the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that Disputes have arisen between him and the Officers of his Regiment, whereby the Regiment is rendered Useless to the Publick, and praying that a Court-Martial may be ordered for his and their Trial, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Militia Laws.

On Motion,

Resolved, That *Alexander Chambers* deliver to the Order of Colonel *Asher Holmes* a Sufficiency of Powder, Lead, and Cartridge-Paper, to make fourteen thousand Musket Cartridges, if so much he has in his Hands, and if he has not so much, then that he deliver the Powder, Lead, and Cartridge-Paper which he has in his Hands, to the said Order, and that he take a Receipt on the said Order, for the Quantity delivered from the Person to whom he shall deliver the same, which shall be a sufficient Voucher to Mr. *Chambers* for such Delivery.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowen* and Mr *Low* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Resolution.

Mr. *Bowen* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himself had delivered the Message and Resolution with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Whereas it appears by a Letter from His Excellency the Governor to the Superintendant of Purchases for this State, that the whole Quota of Flour required by the Resolves of Congress to be supplied by this State for the Use of the Army of the United States, has been directed by His Excellency General *Washington* to be deposited at *Wallin*'s, in the County of *Sussex*; and whereas the said Depository is situated in a very remote Part of the State; therefore,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to write to His Excellency General *Washington* on that Subject, and to suggest to him the great Difficulty accumulated, and, as the Legislature conceive, unnecessary Expence which will attend the Transportation of Flour collected in all Parts of the State, and a considerable Proportion thereof at or near the probable Place of Consumption, to so extreme and eccentrick a Part, besides the Inconveniencies that may probably arise therefrom to the Army, and the additional Expence to the Continent should there be a Necessity of reconveying such Flour from so distant a Depository to any Frontier Station of the Army; and also to suggest to the General the Propriety of Lodging a considerable Proportion of the said Flour in some more accessible and more central Part of the State, especially as any Vacancy in the *Sussex* Magazine may be readily supplied at a much cheaper Rate of Transportation from the adjacent Counties in the States of *Pennsylvania* and *New-York*, should the Position of the Army render the same necessary.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States assigned as the Quota of this State*, was read a second Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Biddle*, that after the Words "Two Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Pounds," in the first Section of the

the said Bill, the Words "Together with Interest therefor, at the Rate of *Five per Cent. per Annum*," be expunged: On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required, by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Biddle*,

Yeas.	Yea.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Thompson.*	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Rennard*,
Mr. Smock,		*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Fenimore,		*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Townsend*,
Mr. Foster,		*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Biddle,		*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Sparks,		*Mr. Neilson*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Low,		*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Cripps,		*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Mayhew,		*Mr. Seabring*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Sharp,		*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Hildreth,		*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Council-Chamber, *May* 25, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing *Alexander Chambers* to deliver to Colonel *Holmes*'s Order a Quantity of Powder, Lead and Cartridge-Paper, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, assigned as the Quota of this State;* and, after some Time spent therein;

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. *Sharp* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself had delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

A Petition from *Jonathan Baldwin* of *Princeton*, was presented and read, setting forth his Losses by Reason of the Depreciation of the Continental Currency, and the Injustice that has been done him under Cover of the Tender Laws, and praying if a Law should be enacted to amend the Tender Laws, it may retrospect as far as *September* 1778;

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Tender Acts.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, *May* 26, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto;* which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled,

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An Act to prevent Desertion, and to repeal the former Acts for that Purpose; reported the same with sundry Amendments; which Bill was read, and ordered that the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Petition of *Albert Hankins* was presented and read, praying a Law may be passed to divorce him from *Elizabeth* his Wife, late *Elizabeth Reynolds*, which was ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Ordered*, *Council Chamber*, *May* 26, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Martin* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, '*An Act more effectually to prevent the Passing of counterfeit Bills of Credit*, 'and request their Concurrence therein,

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States assigned as the Quota of this State.*

On Considering the fifteenth Section of the said Bill, a Question arose whether Certificates should be received in Payment of the Tax directed to be raised in this Act, which was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, seconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Thompson.*
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Low*,	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Cripps*,	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Whilden*,	
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Townsend*,	

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council at their last Sitting to inspect, burn and destroy the cancelled Bills of Credit of this State in the Treasury, and lay a particular State of their Proceedings before the Legislature, reported as follows:

THAT they agreed on a Time to meet for the Purpose of their Appointment, and Part of the Committee met agreeable thereto, but as one of the Committee was prevented by Sickness from attending, and the others did not think themselves authorized to proceed without him, they were obliged to adjourn and leave the Business undone.

JONATHAN DEARE,
JAMES MOTT, jun.
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Trenton, *May* 26th .1780.

Whereas it appears from the Report of the Committee of this House appointed on the tenth Day of *March* last, to join a Committee of the Council for the Purpose of inspecting, burning and destroying a Sum of *New-Jersey* Money, in the Hands of the Treasurer cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, that the Business recommended to the said Committee was not executed according to their Appointment, occasioned by the Indisposition of one of the Members of the said Committee. *Resolved*,

Resolved, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council for executing the Business above-mentioned in the Recess of the Legislature; that they make Report at the next Sitting; and that the Members of the said Committee, while employed in that Service, be allowed the same Wages as are allowed to the Members of the Legislature when sitting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Cook* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *May* 26, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 24th Instant, relative to authorising *Elijah Hand*, to draw from the Treasury *Five Thousand Pounds*, for procuring Arms and Ammunition, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House do not concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *May* 26, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to requesting His Excellency the Governor to write to General *Washington* on the Subject of transporting the Quota of Flour allotted to this State, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That this House do not concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 26, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Fines of Jurors, and directing the Appropriation of the same*, and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Cook* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 25, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Dey* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of* Bergen, *and for building a temporary Gaol in the said County*, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, assigned as the Quota of this State.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Neilson*, seconded by Mr. *Mott*, that after the Word State in the second Line from the End of the 15th Section, the Words 'at the Rate of One Dollar, in the last mentioned Bills,' be struck out, and that the Words, 'or in Gold and Silver at the Rate of One Dollar in the last mentioned Bills, or in Specie,' be substituted in their Room; which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, seconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Mott*,		Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Lott*,
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Foster*,		Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Townsend*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Bowen*.
Mr. *Thompson*,		Mr. *Biddle*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the 15th Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,		
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,		
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,		
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,		
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Bowen*.		
Mr. *Rennard*,			

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 26, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Martin* be a Committee of the Council 'to examine into the Truth of the Charges exhibited by the Officers of the '*New-Jerſey* Brigade againſt *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. as Clothier and Agent for pro- 'curing and iſſuing State Stores to the ſaid Brigade; and that the ſaid Committee 'hear the Witneſſes in Support of the ſaid Charges, and alſo the Witneſſes of 'the ſaid *Enos Kelſey* in his Defence; and that they report to the Houſes their 'Proceedings thereon, in order that the ſame may be taken into Conſideration 'and finally determined; and that the ſaid Committee give the Parties Notice of 'the Time and Place of Hearing, and alſo ſerve them with a Copy of this Or- 'der; and that Mr. *Buck* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly and requeſt them to ap- 'point a Committee for the above Purpoſe.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *May* 26, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe 'of Aſſembly of this Day by Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Cook*.

'*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Deare* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe 'of Aſſembly for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Meſſage mentioned.'

Ordered, That Mr. *Sparks* have Leave of Abſence until *Tueſday* Morning next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hopkins* have Leave of Abſence until *Wedneſday* Morning next, on ſpecial Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, *May* 27, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cripps*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Reſolutions of Congreſs of the 20th Inſtant, reported as follows:

1ſt. THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Treaſurer of this State be directed to pay into the Continental Treaſury, or to the Order of Congreſs, the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Three Thouſand Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars* immediately for the Uſe of Congreſs; and that the ſaid Treaſurer be alſo authorized to pay to Colonel *Ephraim Blain* or his Order, the Sum of *One Million Seventy-ſeven Thouſand Three Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty Nintieths*, being the Amount of a Warrant in his Favour, as ſoon as the ſame can poſſibly be ſpared.

To which the Houſe agreed.

2d. That on Application of the Commander in Chief of the Army, or the Committee of Congreſs at Head-Quarters to the Superintendant of this State, he

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be directed to give Orders to the Contractors of the reſpective Counties to purchaſe any Articles for the Uſe of the Army, not enumerated in the Act, intitled, *A Supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for procuring Proviſions for the Uſe of the Army, and other Supplies for carrying on the War, and for ſettling the publick Accounts of this State*, and alſo a greater Quantity of any of the Articles quotaed to ſuch County by the above recited Act, if ſuch Surplus can be procured.

WHITTEN CRIPPS.

Trenton, May 27th, 1780.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſecond Article in the ſaid Report? It was carried in the Negative.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace in and for the County of *Salem*, in Favour of *Ann Clark*, Widow of *Francis Clark*, deceaſed, late a Soldier in Lieutenant *Smith*'s Company, of Colonel *Newcomb*'s Regiment, who died in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Ann Clark*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* monthly, during her Widowhood.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Prevention of Deſertion and for the Puniſhment of Perſons harbouring Priſoners of War, or purchaſing the Clothing and Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for the Repeal of a certain Act therein mentioned.*

On the ſecond Section a Motion was made that the Blank in the ſaid Section be filled up with five Days; which was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Biddle*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Rennard*,	

Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Townſend*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Vandyke*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in order to ſettle the Accounts of *James Ewing*, Eſq. late Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, and that Mr. *Foſter* and Mr. *Bowen* do wait on the Council and requeſt them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this Houſe for that Purpoſe.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Buck* of Yeſterday, relative to appointing a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, and hear the Witneſſes for and againſt *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. State Clothier, on the Charges exhibited againſt him by the Officers of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe will concur in the ſaid Meſſage? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Neilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Biddle*.

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Bowen*.	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Stelle*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Foſter*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Cripps*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Foſter* and Mr. *Bowen* do wait on the Council, and inform them thereof.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, May 29, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Neilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Prevention of Deſertion and for the Puniſhment of Perſons harbouring Priſoners of War, or purchaſing the Clothing and Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for the Repeal of a certain Act therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Carmichael.*
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Gano*,	
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Cook*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Bowen*,	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Thompſon.*	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Townſend*,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Foſter* and Mr. *Bowen* do carry the above Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Gano* returned and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Foſter* reported, that Mr. *Bowen* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage and Bill with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raiſe by voluntary Enliſtment, for a limited Time, Three Hundred and Twenty Men within this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered, That the ſame be committed to Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Fithian*, Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Fenimore*.

The Houſe adjourned till ſix o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing a Fund for ſinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, aſſigned as the Quota of this State;* and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tueſday,

Tueſday, May 30, 1780.

The Houſe met.

A Petition from Colonel *Jacob Hyer* was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 23d *September*, 1777, intitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act for the better regulating the Militia*, &c. he had hired Subſtitutes for ſundry Perſons who refuſed to ſerve in the Militia when called out; that the Court of Quarter-Seſſions for *Middleſex* County had remitted the Sums charged to the Delinquents before they had paid the Money, notwithſtanding the ſaid Law expreſsly forbid it; that he had applied to the ſaid Court for Redreſs, but to no Purpoſe; that in Conſequence thereof he is detained out of a conſiderable Sum of Money, and prays for Relief.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, praying that an Act may be paſſed ordering the Collectors to receive the Receipts taken by them for the Delivery of Proviſion or Forage, and the Certificates of the Commiſſaries and Contractors, as Money for Taxes.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition from the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Monmouth*, praying, that the Expences they are ſubjected to in the Performance of the Duties of their Offices may be paid by the Publick.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Kitchel*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill empowering Collectors to receive Certificates in the Payment of Taxes.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Return of Clothing and State Stores iſſued by *Enos Kelſey*, Eſq. Clothier of this State, ſince the firſt Day of *January* laſt.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Fund for ſinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, aſſigned as the Quota of this State*; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be engroſſed? It was carred in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Townſend*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Thompſon*.
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Bowen*.	

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for the regulating of Conſtables*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a third Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Fines of Jurors, and directing the Appropriation of the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time; and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, May 31, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, May* 30, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Deare* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, in order to ſettle the Accounts of *James Ewing*, Eſq. late Paymaſter of the Militia for the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, and that Mr. *Hand* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly and acquaint them therewith.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, May* 30, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue, for a limited Time, the Act for completing the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, and requeſt their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.'

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *declaring the Effect of the Reverſal of Judgments of Juſtices of the Law in Proſecutions for the Forfeitures of Goods, Wares and Merchandize, as being brought from within the Enemies Lines, for Error in the Proceedings, and to enable the Supreme Court to award new Trials in ſuch Cauſes*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raiſe and embody, for a limited Time, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Repreſentation of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court on the Inſufficiency of the Gaols in this State, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the Act for appointing a Commiſſary of Priſoners, *&c.*

A Repreſentation from ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, was preſented and read, praying, that the Tender Acts may not be repealed in Whole or in Part, and that the Reſolutions of Congreſs of the 18th *March* laſt may not be adopted by Act of the Legiſlature.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for building a Courthouſe and Gaol in the County of* Somerſet, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was the read ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for regulating of Conſtables*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe, without Amendment.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Agreeably

Agreeably to the Directions of the Act, intitled, *An Act for completing the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, passed *March* 11th, 1780, *Joseph Brearly*, Musternaster, transmitted a Return of ten Soldiers enlisted in the County of *Hunterdon*, and mustered according to Law; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, assigned as the Quota of this State*, was read and compared;

Whereupon a Motion was made by Mr. *Fenimore*, seconded by Mr. *Brookfield*, that the Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

On which the previous Question was moved by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, which was carried in the Affirmative; whereupon the main Question being put, it was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, seconded by Mr. *Biddle*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Thompson*.	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Bowen*.

The Votes being even, the Speaker was called upon to give his Vote, which he gave in the Negative.

On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Smock*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Foster*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Low*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Bowen*.	Mr. *Whilden*,	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Thompson* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *May* 31, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Prevention of Desertion, and for the Punishment of Persons harbouring Prisoners of War, or purchasing the Clothing and Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for the Repeal of a certain Act therein mentioned*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill was read, and the Amendments being read in their Places and considered,

Resolved, That the House agree to the 1st, 2d, 3d and 5th of the said Amendments, and in other Respects do adhere to the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Thompson* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, June 1, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Fithian*, from the Committee appointed to devise Ways and Means for calling out of the Hands of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, County Collectors, Sheriffs and other publick Officers, all Monies by them received for the Use of the State, reported as follows:

1st. THAT it is the Opinion of the Committee, that the Penalty in the 22d Section of an Act, intitled, *An Act for forfeiting to and vesting in the State of* New-Jersey, *the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, should be increased to a much larger Sum than is therein mentioned; and that the Attorney General be directed to commence and prosecute to Effect an Action on Behalf of the State, against every of the said Commissioners that shall neglect or refuse to pay into the Treasury the neet Proceeds of all Estates by them sold, or that neglect to transmit a State of their Accounts before the Legislature, agreeably to the Directions of said Act.

2d. And your Committee are further of Opinion, that an Act, intitled, *An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for the Appropriation of Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, passed *September* 22d, 1777, and the Supplement thereto, be revised and made adequate to the Purposes thereby intended.

And your Committee are further of Opinion, that the Law, as it now stands, is sufficient for calling in the Arrearages of Taxes due to the State; all which they submit to the Consideration of the House.

By Order and in Behalf of the said Committee,

JOEL FITHIAN.

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Brookfield*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill agreeably to the first Paragraph in the said Report.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Fithian* be a Committee to bring in a Bill agreeably to the 2d Paragraph in the said Report.

The Petition of *Richard Vanmater*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that *Samuel Osborn* of the said County, who some Time ago joined the Enemy, did, in Consequence of a previous Agreement between him and his Sister, Wife of the Petitioner, for the Maintenance of an ideot Sister of the said *Osborn*, leave all his moveable Estate in the Hands of the Petitioner, for the Support of the said *Osborn*'s Wife and of the said ideot Sister, and for Payment of all his lawful Debts; which Estate was afterward sold by the Commissioners of forfeited Estates; and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

Mr. *Mayhew* reported, that Mr. *Thompson* and himself had delivered the Bills and Messages with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to raise and embody, for a limited Time, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State*, was read the second Time; and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Resolution of Congress of the 26th Ultimo, recommending to the Legislature of the respective States, the Inhabitants of which have Arrears due to them for Provisions, Forage and other Articles furnished by them to the Department of the Commissary-General of Purchases and Quartermaster-General, for

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the publick Service, and for which they have received Notes or Certificates, to empower the Collectors of continental Taxes due to the first of *March* last, to receive in Payment thereof such Notes or Certificates.

Also a Resolution of Congress of the 27th of *May*, recommending it to the respective States within whose Ports any of the Ships or Frigates directed to be fitted for Sea, may be, to afford every Assistance to the Board of Admiralty toward completing their Equipments, and to pass Laws for the Punishment of such Persons who shall encourage Desertions from the Fleet or Armies of any foreign Powers who shall prosecute the War in *America*, in Conjunction with the United States, and for recovering such Deserters as shall endeavour to conceal themselves among the Inhabitants.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 1, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Amendment made to the 'Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Prevention of Desertion, and for the Punish-'ment of Persons harbouring Prisoners of War, and purchasing the Clothing and 'Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for the Repeal of a certain Act 'therein mentioned*, and rejected by the House of Assembly;

'*Resolved*, That this House do adhere to their Amendment.'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raise and embody, for a limited Time, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State*; and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, June 2, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Sebring*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for suspending the Sale of the Lands mortgaged to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office in the several Counties of this State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of* Somerset, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Cano* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Resolved, That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Bowen*, be a Committee to enquire into the Number of Horses kept at the continental Expence, by the civil Staff in the continental Service, in and about the Post at *Trenton*, either belonging to the Continent or to any of the said Staff, their Clerks or Assistants, and how many of the said Horses can be spared for the immediate Use of the Army; and that for the Purpose of making the said Enquiry, the said Committee be authorized and empowered to send for and examine Witnesses, and to administer Oaths or Affirmations to such Witnesses, if they shall think the same necessary.

A Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with two circular Letters from the Committee of Co-operation at Camp, both dated the 25th of *May*, urging the Neceſſity of uncommon Exertions in the preſent critical Conjuncture, for furniſhing the Army with Horſes, Carriages, Proviſions and other Supplies, and for drawing forth the whole Reſources of the State; and alſo a Copy of a Reſolution of Congreſs of the 19th *May*, and a Letter from his Excellency General *Waſhington* to the ſaid Committee of Co-operation, confirming the Neceſſity of adopting the Meaſures recommended in theirs of the 25th of *May*, and incloſing a Return of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade in *April* laſt.

A Repreſentation from *Jeremiah Manning*, Eſq. appointed by the late Legiſlature to take Charge of and repair the Barracks at *Perth-Amboy* and *Brunſwick*, accompanied with an Eſtimate of the Expence that will neceſſarily attend the repairing the ſaid Barracks, was preſented and read, praying that he may be furniſhed with Money for that Purpoſe; on the Queſtion, Whether it be expedient at this Time to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner? It was carried in the Negative.

Whereas the Congreſs of the United States have called upon this State to furniſh immediately to the Treaſury of the United States, the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Three Thouſand Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, to be appropriated to the Purpoſe of putting the Army in Motion; therefore,

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer of this State be authorized and required to pay immediately into the continental Treaſury, or to the Warrant or Order of Congreſs, the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Three Thouſand Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, and that he charge the Sum ſo paid to the Account of the United States, taking the Receipt of the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Favour ſuch Warrant or Order ſhall be drawn, or to whom the ſame ſhall be paid; which Warrant or Order, with the Receipt of the Perſon to whom the ſame is made payable, endorſed thereon, ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Treaſurer be authorized and empowered to pay to Col. *Ephraim Blaine* or his Order, the Sum of *One Million and Seventy-ſeven Thouſand Three Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty Nintieths*, being the Amount of a Warrant in his Favour from the Preſident of the Congreſs of the United States, dated *April* the Twelfth, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty, as ſoon as the ſame can poſſibly be ſpared from the Treaſury, to charge the ſame to the Account of the United States, and the Receipt of the ſaid Col. *Ephraim Blaine*, or Perſon to whom ſuch Warrant is made payable, endorſed thereon, ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Gano* do carry the ſaid Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Rennard*, Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Hornblower*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to take into Conſideration the Subject-Matter contained in the Reſolutions of Congreſs of the 19th of *May* laſt, and the circular Letters from the Committee of Co-operation at Camp, together with His Excellency General *Waſhington*'s Letter conſequent thereon, and to deviſe Ways and Means for procuring a Supply of Horſes and Carriages, Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for the Army, and as far as may be in the Power of the State for drawing forth the Reſources thereof, ſhould any ſudden Emergency render the ſame neceſſary; that the ſaid Committee meet at the Houſe of Mr. *Bergen*, at ſix o'Clock this Afternoon, and that Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Gano* do wait upon the Council, and requeſt them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this Houſe for that Purpoſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Gano* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Biddle* reported, that Mr. *Gano* and himſelf had delivered the Bill, Reſolutions and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 2, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to appointing a Committee to take into Conſideration the Subject-Matter contained in the Reſolution of Congreſs of the 19th of *May* laſt, and the circular Letter from the Committee of Co-operation at Camp, *&c.*

'*Ordered*, That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Hand*, Mr. *Martin*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Dey*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Meſſage mentioned, to meet at the Time and Place therein mentioned, and that Mr. *Holmes* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raiſe and embody, for a limited Time, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State*; and having gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the ſame, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, June 3, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the ſuſpending the Sale of the Lands mortgaged to the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office of the ſeveral Counties of this State*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Sparks* returned and took his Seat in the Houſe.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, was read the ſecond Time, and after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. *Neilſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to and veſting in the State of* New-Jerſey *the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and ſatisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from or made againſt ſuch Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for expediting the Settlement of the Accounts of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* have Leave of Abſence till *Tueſday* Evening next, on Account of the Indiſpoſition of his Family.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the Title of the ſaid Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon*.

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Smock*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Sharp.*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Bowen*,	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Thompson.*	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Townsend*,		
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Hildreth*,		

On the Question, Whether the first Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Cripps*, seconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Gano.*
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Thompson.*	

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowen* have Leave of Absence on Account of the Indisposition of his Family.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, June 5, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to take into Consideration the Subject-Matter contained in the Resolutions of Congress of the 19th of *May* last, and the circular Letter from the Committee of Co-operation at Camp, together with His Excellency General *Washington*'s Letter consequent thereon, *&c.* reported as follows:

1st. THAT they had met agreeably to their Appointment, and having considered the Matters to them referred, are of Opinion, that it is necessary for the Legislature to authorize and require the Contractors of the several Counties in this State to engage a certain Number of Teams, Carriages and Drivers, to be apportioned to the respective Counties, to be ready on the shortest Notice to assist in removing the Army, and transporting the necessary Baggage, Stores and Provisions thereof.

2d. That it is expedient in the present Conjuncture to appoint a Council of Safety, to act during the Recess of the Legislature, as the Exigencies of the War and the good of the State may require; that the said Council of Safety be empowered to exercise the Authority of civil Magistrates throughout the State, and to suspend the Operation of the Habeas Corpus Act whenever they shall judge it necessary for the publick Good or the Security of the State; that they be authorized to impress Provisions, Forage, Teams, Carriages and Drivers, and to remove Live-Stock and other Provisions from the Vicinity of the Enemy's Lines, and secure the same for the Use of the continental Army, whenever they shall judge it necessary; that they be authorized to remove from the frontier Counties or Places adjacent to the Enemy's Lines, all Persons whom they may suspect to be disaffected,

diſaffected, and whoſe Continuance there ſhall be dangerous to the State or prejudicial to the Operations of the Army; that they be authorized to appoint any Houſe, Room or Place of Security a legal Gaol, for the ſafe keeping of any Perſon whom they ſhall deem dangerous and diſaffected, and to remove ſuch Perſon or other Priſoner to the common Gaol of any County in this State; that the ſaid Council of Safety have Power to call out any Number of the Militia, to carry into Effect any of their Orders, and generally that they be authorized to comply with, and carry into Effect the Requiſitions of the ſaid Committee of Cooperation and of the Commander in Chief, ſo far as the ſaid Council in their Diſcretion ſhall judge neceſſary for the publick Good, and the Circumſtances of the Inhabitants of the State will admit.

3d. That the other Matters to them referred, will, they conceive, be provided for by the Reſolutions and Bills now under Conſideration of the Legiſlature.

By Order of the Committee,

JESSE HAND,
PETER WILSON.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Report? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Cripps*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Sebring*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill, agreeably to the firſt Paragraph o the ſaid Report.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled *An* Act *to raiſe and embody, for a limited Time, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Seabring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whilden* and Mr. *Kitchel* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for ſuſpending the Sale of the Lands mortgaged to the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office of the ſeveral Counties of this State*, was read and compared,

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whilden* and Mr. *Kitchel* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, June 5, 1780.*

'THAT Mr. *Martin* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for building a Courthouſe and Gaol in the* 'County *of* Somerſet, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, is paſſed by this 'Houſe, without Amendment.'

The Memorial of Lieutenant *John Howell*, of the firſt *Jerſey* Regiment, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he is injured in his Rank by Mr. *Cyrus De Hart*'s being numbered as an elder Officer in the ſaid Regiment, who contends for the Seniority by Virtue of a Warrant from the State for an Enſigncy, which the Memorialiſt alledges muſt have been the Warrant which was filled for *Simeon Marſh*, who declined accepting the Appointment, and praying that he may be appointed to the vacant Captaincy in ſaid Regiment, if the Legiſlature conceive him entitled thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be read a ſecond Time.

Agreeably to the Directions of the Act, intitled, *An Act for completing the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, paſſed *March* the Eleventh, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty, Colonel *Joſeph Ellis*, Muſtermaſter, tranſmitted a Return of ſix Soldiers enliſted in the County of *Glouceſter*, and muſtered according to Law; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Whilden* reported, that Mr. *Kitchel* and himſelf had delivered the Bills and Meſſages with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſecond Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, ſeconded by Mr. *Cripps*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Gano*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the 3d Section, by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, by inſerting after the Word Demand, the following Words, "and every Payment of Money due as aforeſaid, made ſince the ſaid "Day, ſhall avail only in Diſcharge of ſuch Debt or Contract, ſo far as the Sum "ſo paid would have extended in Payment of ſuch Debt or Contract, at the then "current Value thereof;" which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were demanded by Mr. *Neilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Cripps*,,
Mr. *Hornblower*,		Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,		Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.
Mr. *Carmichael*,		Mr. *Low*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the 3d Section in the following Words do paſs? "And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that every Tender for the Payment of Money due on any Debt or Contract made or ariſing on or before the

the firſt Day of *March*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, made in the ſaid Bills, or any of them ſince the twentieth Day of *March* laſt, is hereby declared to be null and void, and it ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon within this State to plead, give in Evidence or otherwiſe avail himſelf of any ſuch Tender, in Bar or Diſcharge of any ſuch Debt or Demand, or any Part thereof, or in Bar or Diſcharge of any Suit or Action for the Recovery of any ſuch Debt or Demand, any Thing in the ſaid Acts, or either of them, to the Contrary notwithſtanding;" it was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Stelle*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,		Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,		Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,		Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Kitchel*,		Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.
Mr. *Carmichael*,		Mr. *Low*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sebring*, ſeconded by Mr. *Stelle*, that the following Proviſo be added to the fourth (now the third) Section, viz. "Provided always, that in all and every Caſe, no greater Allowance ſhall be made in the preſent continental Money in Payment of any Debts and Contracts, than at the Rate of Forty for One;" on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Neilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Stelle*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Hildreth*.
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	Mr. *Low*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the fourth Section, as amended, do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	Mr. *Sharp*,	

The Houſe having gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſundry Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the ſame, as amended, be engroſſed.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Seſſions of the Peace of the County of *Somerſet*, in Favour of *Mary Miller*, Widow of *Marien Miller*, late a Soldier in Colonel *Frederick Frelinghuyſen*'s Regiment of Militia, who was wounded in the Service of the United States, and was afterwards taken Priſoner, and died in Captivity in *New-York*, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do iſſue in Favour of the ſaid *Mary Miller*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* monthly, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, during her Widowhood.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer of this State be authorized and empowered to pay

pay to Major *John Cook*, or to his Order, the Sum of *Two Thousand and Twenty-nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence*, for the Use of himself and the Party who assisted him in apprehending and conducting Thirty-four *Hessian* Prisoners to *Trenton*, for Payment of the Expences by them incurred, and as a Reward for their Zeal and Activity in that Service; to be divided by Major *Cook* amongst the said Party, according to the Time they may have respectively spent, and Trouble they have taken with the said Prisoners; and the Receipt of the said Major *John Cook*, for the said Sum, or the Person to whom the same shall be paid, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer for so much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Neilson* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 5, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay Major *John Cook Two Thousand and Twenty-nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence*, &c.

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, *June* 6, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee appointed to enquire the Number of Horses kept at the continental Expence by the civil Staff in the continental Service, in and about the Post at *Trenton*, either belonging to the Continent or to any of the said Staff, their Clerks or Assistants, and how many of the said Horses can be spared for the immediate Use of the Army, reported as follows:

THAT they had made the Enquiry directed by the House, as far as appeared to them requisite, and thereby find that there are now in actual Service at the said Post, two four Horse Teams belonging to the Continent, which your Committee are informed are there as well for the Purpose of being put into better Order, as for performing the Service necessary at the Post; and also that there are three four Horse Teams and seven two Horse Teams belonging to private Persons, in Service at the said Post, and in good Order.

Your Committee also find that there are thirteen Horses belonging to the Continent at or near *Trenton*, ten of which are at present unfit for Service, and six Horses which are private Property, in good Order at the same Place: All which Teams and Horses are now kept on publick Forage, or at the publick Expence.

Your Committee further report, that they are not at present adequate, from not having had an Opportunity to consult Mr. *Furman* on the Subject, to determine the precise Number of Teams and Horses that are requisite to perform the necessary Transportation and other Business of the Post, but that they are of Opinion that a much less Number than are at present employed would suffice, and that on any Emergency all the publick Teams and Horses, and at least Half the private Teams and two of the private Horses might well be spared for any other publick Purposes.

June 3, 1780. JARED SEXTON.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for enlarging the Powers of the Contractors of the several Counties, &c.

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The Petition of the Commiſſioners of the Drawbridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that in the Month of *June*, 1778, the ſaid Drawbridge, by Order of General *Dickinſon*, was deſtroyed; that the Commiſſioners of the ſaid Bridge ſhortly after had the ſame repaired, and were obliged to borrow Money for the Diſcharge of the Expence of ſaid Repairs; that the Accounts, Receipts, Vouchers and Papers relative to the repairing the ſaid Bridge, was delivered to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame may be returned to them, and that the Houſe would grant ſuch further Orders in the Premiſes, as they ſhall think proper.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, was read, repreſenting that an unhappy Difference had long ſubſiſted in the Regiment of *Hunterdon* Militia, at preſent commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel *Chamberlain*, between him and many of his Officers, which had grown to ſuch a Height as to render the Regiment in a great Meaſure uſeleſs, and recommending to the Houſe an Enquiry into the State of that Regiment, and that they would take ſuch Meaſures for reſtoring it to publick Utility, as to them ſhall ſeem beſt.

A Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel *Chamberlain* to His Excellency the Governor, complaining of Diſobedience in his Officers, and requeſting that Meaſures may be taken for a ſpeedy Settlement of the Diſputes referred to in His Excellency's Meſſage.

And alſo a Petition from ſundry Officers of the ſaid Regiment, complaining of the Conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel *Chamberlain*, and charging him with Tyranny and Illiberality, and praying that Meaſures may be adopted for rendering the ſaid Regiment uſeful to the Publick, which accompanied the ſaid Meſſage, were alſo read: Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the Governor or Commander in Chief be requeſted to call on Lieutenant-Colonel *Chamberlain* to return the Officers of his Regiment who have diſobeyed his Orders, and alſo to call on Major *Stout*, one of the Petitioners againſt Colonel *Chamberlain*, to tranſmit the particular Charges againſt him; and that the Governor or Commander in Chief do thereupon, if he ſhall think proper, order a Court-Martial for the Trial of each Offender, and that in the mean Time Colonel *Chamberlain* be ſuſpended from the Command of the Regiment, and that all Orders iſſue to the next in Command in the Regiment.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, was read the ſecond Time, and after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, was read, repreſenting the Neceſſity of immediately providing for the Supply of the Detachment of Militia ſtationed in the County of *Monmouth* for the Protection of the Frontiers of that County, with Proviſions, as the Commiſſary of Iſſues and the Commiſſary of the Magazine at *Trenton*, have informed him that no further Supply can be obtained from them for two Months to come.

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for enlarging the Powers of the Contractors, *&c.*

Whereas it is repreſented to the Legiſlature, that the Militia on Duty in the County of *Monmouth*, cannot be ſupplied with Proviſions by the Commiſſary of Iſſues at *Trenton*,

Reſolved, That for the preſent, and until a Law can be enacted for the Remedy of the Inconveniencies experienced in this and other Caſes of a ſimilar Nature, the Contractor of the County of *Monmouth* be authorized to furniſh the Detachment

of Militia ſtationed in that County with Rations of Proviſions, and that he deliver the ſame to the Perſon appointed by the Commanding Officer of the ſaid Detachment to act as Quartermaſter for the ſame, taking his Receipt therefor; which Receipt ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the ſaid Contractor for the Delivery of ſo much of the Quota aſſigned to the ſaid County by Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Bunn* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 6, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act for ſuſpending the Sale of the Lands mortgaged to the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office of the ſeveral Counties of this State*, is paſſed by this Houſe, without Amendment.'

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Fenimore*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*, that the following Section be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, *viz.* "And be it further enacted, that whenever there is any Money in the Treaſury that has been received for the ſaid Certificates, as a Surplus of the Proportion of Taxes due from this State, the Treaſurer is hereby authorized and directed, on Application to him made, to pay the Sums due on any Certificate given by the Collectors agreeably to the Directions of this Act; and the Receipt of the Perſon in whoſe Favour the ſaid Certificates are given, ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the Treaſurer in the Settlement of his Accounts;" On the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, ſeconded by Mr. *Fenimore*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Foſter*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Sparks*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Thompſon*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Hopkins*.	*Mr. Neilſon*,	*Mr. Rennard*,
Mr. Cripps,		*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Mayhew,		*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Sharp,		*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Townſend,		*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Carmichael.*
Mr. Sexton,		*Mr. Vandyke*,	

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

A Petition from *Peter Sandford*, of *New-Barbadoes* Neck, in the County of *Bergen*, in Behalf of himſelf and of the Company of Militia to which he belongs, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that a certain *John Vreeland* has been appointed to the Command of the ſaid Company, againſt the Conſent of the Company; that the ſaid Captain *Vreeland*, notwithſtanding two Indictments found againſt him, (as the Petitioner alledges) one for carrying Proviſions to the Enemy, and the other for bringing counterfeit Money into the State, ſtill remains in Commiſſion, and praying that the Conduct of the Field Officers and his own may be enquired into.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Governor.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, *June* 7, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Persons who have lost their Deeds or other Instruments of Writing containing the Title of their Lands*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Security, Support and Exchange of Prisoners of War, and to repeal the Act, intitled, An* Act *for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners, and vesting him with certain Powers*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Vandyke* reported, that Mr. *Bunn* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Smock*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Foster*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Renard*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Thompson.*	*Mr. Hopkins.*

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that Mr. *Sebring* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*; and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Neilson*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, '*Council-Chamber*, *June* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to raise and embody, for a limited Time, Six 'Hundred and Twenty-four Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State*, is 'passed by this House without Amendment.'

Resolved, That the Printer be directed immediately to strike off Five Hundred Copies of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to raise and embody, for a limited Time, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State*, to be distributed to the several Counties in the same Proportion as the Laws are directed to be distributed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Townsend* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue, for a limited Time, the Act for completing the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, *Nemine contradicente*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them that the same is rejected by this House.

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The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to, and veſting in, the State of* New-Jerſey *the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and ſatisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from or made againſt ſuch Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for expediting the Settlement of the Accounts of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates*, was read the ſecond Time, and ſundry Amendments made thereto,

Ordered, That the ſame, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Jacob Terhune* and others, of the County of *Bergen*, was preſented and read, praying that a Reward may be beſtowed on certain Perſons who have lately captured and ſecured *John Berry*, alias *John the Regular*, a notorious Robber and Murderer; on the Queſtion, Whether a Reward be allowed to the Captors of the Perſon mentioned in the ſaid Petition? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Neilſon*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,		Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		Mr. *Gano*.

On the Queſtion, What Sum ſhould be allowed to the ſaid Party? It was carried for *One Thouſand Dollars*.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Sharp*, ſeconded by Mr. *Townſend*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,		Mr. *Townſend*,	

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer of the State, for the Time being, be authorized and empowered to pay to Captain *Thomas Blanch*, of the County of *Bergen*, or his Order, the Sum of *One Thouſand Dollars*, to be by him diſtributed amongſt the non-commiſſioned Officers and Privates of the Militia who aſſiſted him in taking and ſecuring a notorious Robber and Murderer named *John Berry*, as a Reward for their Bravery, Zeal and Activity; and the Receipt of the ſaid *Thomas Blanch*, or Perſon to whom the Order is made payable, ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the ſaid Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money, in his Settlement with the State.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Rennard* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Biddle*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, reported the ſame with ſundry Amendments;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. *Hopkins* returned and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Fenimore* reported, that Mr. *Townſend* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

Mr.

Mr. *Carmichael* reported, that Mr. *Van-Cleve* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor was read, accompanied by a circular Letter from the Committee of Co-operation at Camp, stating the specific Supplies both of Men, Money and Provisions, required to be furnished by this State, for enabling His Excellency the Commander in Chief of the Army to carry into Execution his Plan of Operations, in Conjunction with the Forces of His Most Christian Majesty, against the common Enemy, and urging the Necessity of the utmost Exertions in the present Crisis; and also a Letter from His Excellency General *Washington* on the same Subject: Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Rennard*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Cripps*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Neilson* and Mr. *Fenimore*, and such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in the circular Letter from the Committee of Co-operation of the second of *June* Instant, and in the Letter from His Excellency General *Washington* of the same Date; and that Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Rennard* do wait upon the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose, together with the Time and Place of Meeting.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing the Printer to strike off Five Hundred Copies of the Act to raise and embody Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing the Contractor of the County of *Monmouth* to furnish the Detachment of Militia stationed in that County with Rations of Provisions, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the second Instant, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay into the continental Treasury *Seven Hundred and Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, and to Colonel *Blaine One Million and Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty Ninetieths*;

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that Mr. *Rennard* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Letter from *Eli Eldredge* and *Aaron Leaming*, Esquires, Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the County of *Cape-May*, was presented and read, requesting, that as only one Mortgage belonging to the said Office remains undischarged, the same may be dissolved in that County by a Law passed for that Purpose, and that the Loan-Office Books may be deposited in the County Clerk's Office, there to remain as of Record, and that the Person whose Mortgage remains undischarged may be made accountable to the said County Clerk.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to Captain *Thomas Blanch One Thousand Dollars*;

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman*, Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Martin* and Mr. *Hand*, with such other 'Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the 'House of Assembly in a free Conference on the circular Letter from the Com- 'mittee of Co-operation, &c. that the said Committee meet at the House of Mr. '*Bergen*, at six o'Clock this Evening, and that Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the House 'of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Thursday, June 8, 1780.

The House met.

The Committee withdrew to attend the Joint-Conference, and then the House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Committee of Conference withdrew, and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, June 9, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in the circular Letter from the Committee of Co-operation of the 2d of *June* Instant, and in the Letter of His Excellency General *Washington* of the same Date, reported as follows:

1st. THAT it is the Opinion of the Conferrees, that altho' by Reason of the great Exertions of this State for a considerable Time past, it will be difficult to obtain the Quota of Flour and short Forage required to be furnished from the same for the first two Months, as stated in the said circular Letter; nevertheless, in order to give all the Aid and Support to the Operations of the Army, that the Circumstances of the People will admit, it will be necessary to Apportion the Supplies of these, as well as of the other Articles required by the said Committee on the several Counties, in such Manner as their Resources and Circumstances will permit, without Respect to the specific Quotas assigned them by Law, and to authorize the several Contractors, in case the Supplies cannot be purchased, to procure them from such as can spare them and refuse to dispose of them at reasonable Rates, by Impressment, and to cause them to be transported to such Places within the State as the Superintendant of Purchases shall direct.

2d. That the said Contractors be authorized to give Notes or Certificates for the Supplies by them purchased or procured by Impressment, payable in Specie or the Value thereof, and to bear an Interest of Six *per Cent.* until paid, and that the Faith of the State be pledged for their Payment.

3d. That the Number of Horses, Teams, Carriages and Drivers in the said circular Letter quotaed to this State, be also apportioned to the different Counties, according to their respective Abilities to furnish them, and that the Contractors be authorized to procure the Number so apportioned to their several Counties by Hire, Purchase or Impressment, and to give Certificates for their Payment in like Manner.

4th. And that Four Hundred and Eighty-five Men be immediately raised for completing the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States, on the same Plan as the Men already directed to be raised by the Act, intitled, *An*

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Act *to raise and embody, for a limited Time, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State.*

By Order of the Committee,

PETER TALLMAN,
ROELOFF SEBRING.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enlarge the Power of the Contractors, to make Provision agreeably to the 1st, 2d and 3d Paragraphs of the said Report, and that Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Fithian* be added to the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Townsend*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeably to the fourth Article in the said Report.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth* was presented and read, stating the critical and distressed Situation of the well-affected Inhabitants of that County, and praying that a Law may be enacted to enable them to retaliate on the disaffected in that County, under proper Regulations and Restrictions.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for levying the Damages sustained by the well-affected Inhabitants on the Frontiers, upon those who refuse to assist in repelling the Incursions of the Enemy.

A Memorial from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth the Difficulties and Distresses they are daily subjected to by the Incursions and Depredations of the Refugees, and the Loss and Disadvantages arising to the State by the illicit Trade carried on with the Enemy through that County, and praying that a Law may be passed authorizing them to apprehend a Number of the most notorious of the disaffected who are related to the most considerable Persons among the Refugees, and to keep them in close Custody until the loyal Subjects of this State in the Hands of the said Refugees are liberated, and that a large Body of Men may be sent to the Relief of that County.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The Memorial of *Moore Furman*, Esq. Deputy-Quartermaster-General for this State, was presented and read, setting forth, that a Suit for *One Thousand Pounds* Damages, has been commenced against *Richard Price*, one of his Assistants, for seizing six Tons of Hay from a Person in the County of *Burlington*, by Virtue of a Warrant from a Justice of the Peace of that County, for which Judgment is likely to pass against the said *Price*, and praying Relief. The Copy of the Warrant and Certificate of the Person who appraised the said Hay, enclosed in the said Memorial, were also read.

Ordered, That the said Memorial and Papers be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 9, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled. *An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and re-* 'deeming *the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, assigned as the* 'Quota *of this State*, is passed by this House.

The House adjourned till six o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, June 10, 1780.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*; and having gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 9, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, '*An* Act *for more effectually preventing Horsestealing*, and request their 'Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Security, Support and Exchange of Prisoners of War, and to repeal the Act, intitled, An* Act *for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read the second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to complete the three* New-Jersey *Regiments, in the Service of the United States*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Neilson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enlarge the Power of the Contractors of the several Counties in this State, for a limited Time*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia*, was read the second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to prevent Horsestealing*, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of the Forces raised or to be raised in this State for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, was read the second Time, and amended in the House;

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, June 12, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Seabrook*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to establish Martial Law in Parts of this State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Cripps*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to ascertain the Privileges and Immunities of the Subjects of His Most Christian Majesty resident in this State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Townsend*.
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hildreth*.	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Gano*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for more effectually preventing Horsestealing*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. Speaker.	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,		Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Hopkins*.

There being only nineteen Yeas, a Number insufficient to pass a Bill, the Speaker was called upon for his Vote, which he gave in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Fithian* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

Resolved, That the Contractor of the County of *Hunterdon* be authorized and empowered to purchase one Hogshead of Rum, for the Use of the Militia of this State, who are or may be called out into actual Service in the present Emergency, giving a Certificate for the same, to bear an Interest of *Six per Cent. per Annum* until paid; and to transport the said Rum, or cause the same to be transported to Camp, for the Purpose aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Fithian* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for expediting the Settlement of the Accounts of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, and for suspending Part of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of* New-Jersey *the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Brookfield* reported, that Mr. *Fithian* and himself had delivered the Bill, Resolution and Message, with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Buck*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 12, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to the Purchase of a Hogshead of Rum for the Use of the Militia now in actual Service;

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe do concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The Auditor of Accounts laid before the Houſe the Accounts of ſundry Perſons by him ſtated and adjuſted, that the Houſe might give their Determination in Approbation or Diſallowance of the ſame, which Accounts were read and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raiſed, or to be raiſed in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Law now in Force for that End*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Sharp* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to complete the three* New-Jerſey *Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee who reported the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enlarge the Power of the Contractors of the ſeveral Counties in this State for a limited Time*, was read a ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the firſt Section do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Fithian*, ſeconded by Mr. *Wilſon*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Mott*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Townſend*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Gano*,	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Cook.*	

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to prevent the paſſing of counterfeit Bills of Credit*, was read the ſecond Time, and ſundry Amendments made thereto;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time, with the Amendments.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Tueſday, June 13, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to prevent the paſſing of counterfeit Bills of Credit*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill and Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments thereto annexed, to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

Two Meſſages from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, were read,

read, accompanied with a Resolution of Congress of the first of *June* Instant, relative to the Supplies required to be furnished by this State, and also a Letter from the Committee of Congress at Camp, to the Governor, and two Letters from His Excellency General *Washington*, urging the Necessity of an immediate Compliance with the Requisition of the Twenty-fifth Ultimo;

Ordered, That the said Messages and Papers be referred to the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to complete the three* New-Jersey *Regiments in the Service of the United States.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* have Leave of Absence, on special Business.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hand.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 13, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *An* 'Act *for constituting a Council of Safety*, and request their Concurrence 'therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.'

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to complete the three* New-Jersey *Regiments in the Service of the United States*, reported the same, with sundry Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and further amended in the House;

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Security, Support and Exchange of Prisoners of War, and to repeal the Act, intitled, An* Act *for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Foster* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 13, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do carry the re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to prevent the passing of counterfeit Bills of Credit*, to the House of 'Assembly, and acquaint them the same is passed by this House, with their 'Amendments.'

Mr. *Cook* reported, that Mr. *Foster* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enlarge the Power of the Contractors of the several Counties in this State, for a limited Time*; on the Question, Whether the 2d Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Fithian*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson.*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Wilson*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Reynard*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Fithian.*
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Maybew*,	Mr. *Hopkins.*	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Hopkins*, for an Amendment

ment to the third Section, by striking out the Words "or the Value thereof," and inserting "or the Bills of Credit to be emitted on the Faith of this State;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Sharp*.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 13, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain 'Certificates in Payment of Taxes*; and the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, 'intitled, An* Act *to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be 'raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws 'now in Force for that End*, are passed by this House, without Amendment.'

'*Ordered*, '*Council-Chamber*, *June* 13, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for expediting the Set- 'tlement of the Accounts of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, and for sus- 'pending Part of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of* New-Jersey, *the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing 'the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be 'due from or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes 'therein mentioned*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House to the 'House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill was read, and the Amendments were read in their Places and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and agreed to by this House.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to complete the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States, and to raise a Company of Volunteers for the Defence of Part of the County of* Monmouth, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Gano*.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Memorial of *Moore Furman*, D. Q. M. G. of the State of *New-Jersey*, setting forth that a Judgment has been entered against Mr. *Bowen*, one of his Assistants, appointed to Purchase for his Department in the Counties of *Cumberland* and

and *Cape-May*, at the laſt Court in the ſaid County of *Cumberland*, for the Price of a Quantity of Corn which had been ſeized and taken by the ſaid Mr. *Bowen*, by Order of a Magiſtrate of the ſaid County, at *Eight Dollars* per Buſhel, notwithſtanding the Price of the ſaid Corn when taken was five [illegible] the Juſtice at *Four Dollars* per Buſhel, and the Money tendered according[illegible]: That an Action is brought againſt the Purchaſer of Forage in the County of *Glouceſter*, and ſeveral others threatened, notwithſtanding the ſtricteſt Attention and Obedience has been paid to the Laws of the State; that theſe Proceedings, as the Memorialiſt conceives, will be attended with the moſt alarming Conſeqences, and praying Redreſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning eight of the Clock.

Wedneſday, June 14, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Agreeably to the Directions of the Act, intitled, *An Act for completing the Quota of Troops belonging to this State, in the Service of the United States*, paſſed *March* 11, 1780, *Aſher Holmes*, Muſtermaſter, tranſmitted a Return of Fifteen Soldiers enliſted in the County of *Monmouth*, and muſtered according to Law; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Auditor of Accounts.

A Petition from a Number of Perſons employed at the Iron-Works, at *Ringwood*, in the County of *Bergen*, was preſented and read, praying Exemption from the monthly Tours of military Duty.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Biddle* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that their Apprentices and Servants had, ſince the Beginning of the preſent Year, inliſted into the continental Service, whereby their different Occupations had greatly ſuffered; and praying that the Legiſlature would grant them ſome Compenſation for the Reſidue of the Time which they were by Indenture bound to ſerve.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, was preſented and read, praying that Perſons who have been condemned to Death for High Treaſon and afterwards pardoned, may be debarred from the Uſe of Firearms.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Contractors of the ſeveral Counties in this State for a limited Time*; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Contractors in the ſeveral Counties in this State for a limited Time*; on the Queſtion, Whether any ſpecific Allowance be made to the Contractors for purchaſing Wood? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Blanch*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*.

On the Question, Whether the Contractors be allowed for procuring Pasture for Teams, &c. It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Smock*, seconded by Mr. *Blanch*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,		Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Stelle*,		Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Smock*,		Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Bunn*,		Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Foster*,		Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Sparks*,		Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Fithian*.

The House having gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto;

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be engrossed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 14, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, '*An* Act *to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, with the Amendments made thereto by the House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill was read, and the Amendments were read in their Places;

Ordered, That the said Bill and Amendments be read a second Time.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 14, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to complete the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States, and to raise a Company of Volunteers for the Defence of Part of the County of* Monmouth, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

The Representation and Memorial of the General and Field Officers of the Militia now on Duty at Camp, in the County of *Essex*, was presented and read, setting forth the Danger the State is exposed to by frequent Desertions of the Militia, and the Insufficiency of the Militia Laws to prevent it, and urging that effectual Measures may be taken to oblige the Attendance of the Citizens of this State to the Duties they owe to their Country, and to prevent Desertions.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Vandyke*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in the said Representation and Memorial.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Thursday, *June* 15, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the*

the State, in caſe of Invaſions or Incurſions of the Enemy; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Sebring*, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Act, intitled, An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation of Proviſions from the State of* New-Jerſey; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for expediting the Settlement of the Accounts of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates, and for ſuſpending Part of an Act, intitled, An* Act *for forfeiting to, and veſting in, the State of* New-Jerſey *the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and ſatisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from or made againſt ſuch Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Hildreth* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe, with their Amendments.

A Letter from Colonel *Iſrael Shreve*, was preſented and read, recommending *Almarine Brooks*, *William Shute*, *Peter Falkner*, *James Ray* and *Francis Luſe*, as Officers to ſupply the Vacancies in his Regiment, and a Certificate from General *Waſhington*, of the Neceſſity of the ſaid Appointment;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Joint-Meeting.

The Memorial of *Azariah Dunham*, late an Aſſiſtant Commiſſary, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that in *December* laſt, under the moſt preſſing Difficulties of the Army, his former Aſſiſtants had made extenſive Purchaſes by his Order, for which they had given Certificates, which, for Want of Money in the continental Treaſury, he has hitherto been unable to diſcharge; that the Patience of the People being exhauſted, one of his Aſſiſtants has been ſued in two Actions, that others are threatened, and that the Memorialiſt is alſo liable to the ſame Treatment, and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Hildreth* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the State, in caſe of Invaſions or Incurſions of the Enemy*, was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sharp*, for an Amendment of the firſt Proviſo to the firſt Section, by ſtriking out after the Words *corporal Puniſhment*, the Words "other or greater than Thirty-nine Laſhes, or Detention in Cuſtody for the Space of three Months;" which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Neilſon*.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	
Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*.	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Neilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Hornblower*, to ſtrike out the Words "or Detention in Cuſtody for the Space of three Months," in the ſecond Proviſo of the firſt Section, and to inſert "or being obliged to ſerve in one of the Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States, for any Term not exceeding three Months;" which was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Neilſon*.

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yea.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Carmichael.*	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Sharp*,
Mr. Hornblower,		*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Whilden*,
Mr. Neilson,		*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Townsend*,
Mr. Stelle,		*Mr. Sebring*,	*M. Hildreth*,
Mr. Smock,		*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Vandyke,		*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Biddle,		*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Sparks,		*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Rennard,		*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*
Mr. Cook,		*Mr. Mayhew*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, seconded by Mr. *Hopkins*, for an Amendment to the first Proviso of the first Section, by striking out the Words " thirty-nine Lashes, or ;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment ? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Hopkins.*	Mr. *Bunn*,	

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to the Committee who reported the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

' *Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 15, 1780.

' THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to prevent* ' *Desertion, and for the Punishment of Persons harbouring Prisoners of War,* ' *or purchasing the Clothing and Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for* ' *the Repeal of a certain Act therein mentioned*, to the House of Assembly, and ' request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till five o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the State in case of Invasions or Incursions of the Enemy*, reported the same, with sundry Amendments ; which Bill, with the Amendments, was read the second Time, and further amended in the House ;

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

' *Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 15, 1780.

' THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, ' *An* Act *to provide for the Security, Support and Exchange of Prisoners of* ' *War, and to repeal the Act, intitled, An* Act *for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners, and vesting him with certain Powers*, with the Amendments made thereto ' by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places, and agreed to : *Ordered*, That the said Bill be re-engrossed, with the said Amendments.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, eight of the Clock.

Friday,

Friday, June 16, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the State, in caſe of Invaſions or Incurſions of the Enemy*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Mott*,
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Neilſon,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Townſend.*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Cook*,	
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Fithian.*	

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Vandyke* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Hornblower* reported, that Mr. *Vandyke* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to prevent Deſertion, and for the Puniſhment of Perſons harbouring Priſoners of War, or purchaſing the Clothing and Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for the Repeal of a certain Act therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and ſundry Amendments made thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill and Amendments be read a third Time.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enlarge the Power of the Contractors of the ſeveral Counties in this State, for a limited Time*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Whilden* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Bunn* reported, that Mr. *Whilden* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Seabrook* returned and took his Seat in the Houſe.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, was read the ſecond Time, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council;

Reſolved, That the Houſe agree to the firſt and ſecond of the ſaid Amendments, and diſagree to the Reſt.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Townſend* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Mayhew* reported, that Mr. *Townſend* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for conſtituting a Council of Safety*, was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Fenimore*, for an Amendment to the fifth Section, by ſtriking out the following Words, *viz.* "or otherwiſe if they ſhall judge moſt for the publick Good, to ſend or convey ſuch Perſon within the Enemy's Lines, and if ſuch Perſon ſo ſent within the Enemy's Lines ſhall, during the preſent War, return into this State without the Licenſe, Permiſſion or Paſſport of the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being,

first obtained, such Person is hereby declared to be guilty of Felony, and being thereof legally convicted, shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Neilson*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		Mr. *Foster*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Townsend*,		Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,		Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Sexton*,		Mr. *Carmichael*.

On the Question, Whether the seventh Section do pass? It was carried in the Negative.

On the Question, Whether the eighth Section, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Hornblower*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Foster*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Sparks*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Hildreth*.
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Low*, that the following Words be struck out of the eleventh Section, *viz.* "and generally to do and perform all such Matters and Things for the Good of this and the United States, as they in their Discretion shall judge Expedient;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Cripps*,		Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,		Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.

A further Amendment was moved to the eleventh Section, by inserting immediately after "expedient," the Words following; "and which are or may be consonant to the Laws of this State," which was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine contradicente*.

On the Question, Whether the eleventh Section, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the Negative.

On the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,		Mr. *Townsend*,	

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There not being a Quorum in Favour of the ſaid Bill, the ſame was loſt.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sharp* and Mr. *Fenimore* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them that the ſaid Bill is rejected by this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 16, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the State, in caſe of Invaſions of the Enemy*, is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 16, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, and the Amendments diſagreed to by the Houſe of Aſſembly.

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe adhere to their Amendments.

'*Ordered*, That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Deare*, with ſuch other Members as chooſe to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Amendments made to the ſaid Bill by this Houſe, and diſagreed to by the Houſe of Aſſembly; that the ſaid Committee meet at the Houſe of Mr. *Bergen*, at ſeven o'Clock this Evening, and that Mr. *Dey* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe.'

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Van-Cleve*, Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Cripps*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, for the Purpoſe in their Meſſage above expreſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Sexton* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sharp* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Act, intitled, An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation of Proviſions from the State of* New-Jerſey, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *declaring the Effect of the Reverſal of Judgments of Juſtices of the Peace in Proſecutions for the Forfeiture of Goods, Wares and Merchandize, as being brought from within the Enemy's Lines, for Error in the Proceedings, and to enable the Supreme Court to award new Trials in ſuch Cauſes*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to prevent Deſertion, and for the Puniſhment of Perſons harbouring Priſoners of War, or purchaſing the Clothing and Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for the Repeal of a certain Act therein mentioned*, was read the third Time with the Amendments;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Brookfield* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Carmichael* reported, that Mr. *Sexton* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning eight of the Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, June 17, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the continental Currency*, &c. reported as follows:

THAT the said Committees had met pursuant to their Appointment, and are of Opinion, that the Council recede from the latter Part of their last Amendment to the said Bill, after the Word *are*, in the fifteenth Line, and in Lieu thereof insert as follows, *viz.* "suspended until the End of the next Sitting of the Legislature, so far forth as the said Acts or either of them respect the passing of the said continental Bills, or the tendering of them in the Payment of Debts at an equal Rate with Gold or Silver: Provided always, that the said Bills shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, a legal Tender for the Payment of any Debt or Demand whatsoever, according to their current Value; regard being had as well to the Time of making all Contracts, and the Time the same became due, the Time all Debts and Demands arose, and the Time the same were payable, and the Default in Payment by either Party, if any there hath been, as to the Time of rendering Judgment, to which all Courts in this State in their respective Jurisdictions are to conform themselves. And provided also, that no greater Allowance shall be made in the said continental Bills of Credit, for the Payment of any Contract, Debt or Demand, than at the Rate of forty for one," and that the House of Assembly agree to the other Parts of the said Amendments,

By Order of the Committee,

SILAS CONDICT,
PETER WILSON.

To which the House agreed.

The Warrant entitling *Mary Miller*, Widow of *Marian Miller*, deceased, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, being the Half-pay of her deceased Husband, from the third Day of *December*, 1777, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

The Warrant entitling *Martha Hathaway*, Widow of Serjeant *Shadrach Hathaway*, deceased, to draw *One Pound Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence*, being the Half-pay of her deceased Husband, from the fourth *October*, 1778, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

The Warrant entitling *William Matthews* to draw the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, from the thirteenth *September*, 1777, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

The Warrant entitling Captain *Charlton Sheppard* to draw the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* monthly, from the twenty-first *March*, 1778, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

The Warrant entitling *Ann Clark*, Widow of *Francis Clark*, deceased, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, being the Half-pay of her deceased Husband, from the thirtieth *November*, 1776, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renard* and Mr. *Fithian* do carry the said Warrants to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that Mr. *Brookfield* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Act*, *intitled*, *An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of* New-Jersey, was read and compared.

Resolved,

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act declaring the Effect of the Reverſal of Judgments of Juſtices of the Peace, in Proſecutions for the Forfeiture of Goods, Wares and Merchandize, as being brought from within the Enemy's Lines, for Error in the Proceedings, and to enable the Supreme Court to award new Trials in ſuch Cauſes*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hopkins* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Fithian* and himſelf had delivered the Warrants and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf had delivered the Bills and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to authorize the Governor and Privy Council to declare Martial Law in certain Parts of this State*, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the Title? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Smock*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Wilſon*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Foſter*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Sexton*.
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Fithian*.	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Whilden*,		

An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Hornblower*, to ſtrike out the following Words in the firſt Section, "that from and after the paſſing of this Act the commanding Officers of the Militia of the frontier Parts of the Counties of *Bergen*, *Eſſex*, *Middleſex* and *Monmouth*, are hereby authorized to eſtabliſh and execute Martial Law on the Frontiers of ſaid Counties;" and to inſert inſtead thereof the Words following, *viz.* "that it ſhall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander in Chief of this State for the Time being, and Privy Council, and they are hereby authorized and required, whenever the Circumſtances of any Part of the State, by Reaſon of its Contiguity to the Enemy, may in their Opinion render the ſame neceſſary, in their Diſcretion to publiſh and declare Martial Law, or cauſe the ſame to be publiſhed and declared in ſuch Places, and for ſuch Time during the Continuance of this Act as may be expedient for the Prevention of Anarchy and Confuſion, and for ſuch Purpoſes, and in order to carry into Execution ſuch Meaſures as may be neceſſary for the Security of the State, or any Part thereof, and conſonant to Law;" on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Fithian*, ſeconded by Mr. *Hopkins*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nay.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Low*,	
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Fithian*,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *Fenimore*, seconded by Mr. *Smock*, to add the following Proviso to the first Section: "Provided always, that such Authority shall not extend to any Parts of the State except within the Counties of *Bergen*, *Essex*, *Middlesex* and *Monmouth*;" on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Mayhew*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Foster*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Blanch*,	*Mr. Low*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Cripps*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Hornblower*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Neilson*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Gano*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Sparks,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Rennard,		*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Fithian.*

The House having gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto;

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to prevent the Farming of publick Offices, or transferring by Deputation the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Rennard.*	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Hopkins.*
	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	
	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	

Ordered, That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Smock* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. *Sparks*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges;* which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 17, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal the Act declaring the Value of the continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, amended agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Conference, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Two

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 17, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Warrants entitling *Mary Sutton*, *Martha Hathaway* and *Ann Clark* to draw their late Huſbands Half-pay; and the Warrants entitling Captain *Charlton Sheppard* and *William Matthews* to draw their Half-pay, together with the Certificates and Vouchers.

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe concur in the ſaid Warrants.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 17, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act more effectually to prevent Deſertion, and for the Puniſhment of Perſons harbouring Priſoners of War, or purchaſing the Clothing and Accoutrements of the Soldiers of the Army, and for the Repeal of a certain Act therein mentioned*, with the Amendments made thereto by the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe.'

Which Bill was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 17, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Contractors in the ſeveral Counties in this State for a limited Time*, with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.'

Which Bill was read, and the Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed with the ſaid Amendments.

The Petition of *John Ogden*, jun. of *Newark*, was preſented and read, praying a Title to certain Lands by him purchaſed of *Stephen Skinner*, now with the Enemy;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition of a Number of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Newton*, in the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth the large Demands they have againſt the Continent for Supplies, *&c.* for the Army, and the Difficulties they are ſubjected to by Reaſon of heavy Taxes, for the Payment whereof their Goods are taken by Diſtreſs and ſold, while their Demands againſt the Continent remain unſatisfied, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to authorize the Governor and Privy Council to declare Martial Law in certain Parts of this State*, was read and compared;

On the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Baldreth*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*.	Mr. *Townſend*,	

And there not being a Quorum of the Houſe in Favour of the ſaid Bill, the ſame was loſt.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to aſcertain the Privileges and Immunities of the Subjects of His Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty reſident in this State*, was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied

panied with a circular Letter from His Excellency the President of Congress, of the fifteenth *June*, pressing the Necessity of forwarding to the Army the Supplies requested by the Committee of Co-operation, was read;

Ordered, That the same be filed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Council-Chamber, *June* 17, 1780.

'*Ordered*, THAT Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *declaring the Effect of the Reversal of Judgments of Justices of the Peace, in Prosecutions for the Forfeiture of Goods, Wares and Merchandize, as being brought from within the Enemy's Lines, for Error in the Proceedings, and to enable the Supreme Court to award new Trials in such Causes*: And also the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Act, intitled, An* Act *to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of* New-jersey, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

The re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Security, Support and Exchange of Prisoners of War, and to repeal the Act, intitled, An* Act *for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Mayhew* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enlarge the Power of the Contractors of the several Counties in this State, for a limited Time*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Mayhew* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning eight of the Clock.

Monday, June 19, 1780.

The House met.

The Petition of the Justices of the Peace, and others, Freeholders of the County of *Cape-May*, was read, praying, that the Men to be raised by Law in that County, for the Defence of the Frontiers, may not be taken out of the County, but that they may be continued there for its Defence against the Vessels of the Enemy;

Ordered, That the same be filed.

Mr. *Cook* reported, that Mr. *Mayhew* and himself had delivered the Bills and Messages with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Mr. *Thompson* returned and took his Seat in the House.

Resolved, That *Isaac Collins* be directed immediately to strike off Nine Hundred Copies of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the State, in case of Invasions of the Enemy*, to be distributed to the several Counties in the same Proportion as the Laws are directed to be distributed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gano* and Mr. *Biddle* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee of Accounts, made the following Report:

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THE Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, on ſuch publick Accounts as ſhould be referred to them, during the Sitting of the Legiſlature, beg Leave to report—That purſuant to their Appointment, they have examined ſuch Accounts as have been referred to them, for the Payment of which no Proviſion is made by Law, and delivered the ſame to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges, and have ſettled and adjuſted ſuch other Accounts for the Payment whereof Proviſion is already made by Law, as follows, *viz.*

No. 1ſt. To *William Matthews* for a Gun and Accoutrements loſt in the Service at *Second-River*, in *September*, 1777, £. 25.

2d. To *James Newell* for Board and Attendance on a ſick Soldier of Major *Walton*'s Detachment of Militia, embodied by a Law of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers, £. 236 5.

3d. To Doctor *John Van-Bueren* for Medicine and Attendance upon Captain *John Outwater*, *Henry Van-Gieſon* and *William Werts*, Privates in Colonel *Dey*'s Regiment of Militia, wounded in *March* and *April* laſt, £. 862 18 9.

4th. To *William Wilcocks*, Eſquire, for Expences and Fees as Judge Advocate, at the Trial of Colonel *Sylvanus Seeley*, by a Court-Martial held by Order of the Legiſlature, in *May* laſt, £. 546 13.

5th. To *William Campfield* for Expences for himſelf and Horſe, going Expreſs to notify Witneſſes to attend the Trial of Colonel *Seeley*, in *May* laſt, £. 37 10.

6th. To Colonel *John Neilſon* for the Uſe of himſelf and the Members of the Court-Martial appointed for the Trial of Colonel *Sylvanus Seeley*, in *May* laſt, £. 1875.

7th. To Doctor *John Farrand* for Medicines and Attendance on *Hendrick Demareſt*, a Private in Colonel *Dey*'s Regiment of Militia, wounded in *May*, 1779, £. 657 10.

8th. To *Jeremiah Manning*, Eſquire, for Expences attending the Repair of the Barracks at *Amboy* and *New-Brunſwick*, £. 243 15.

9th. To *John Holloway* for Quartering the ſick Soldiers belonging to the third *New-York* Regiment, in the Months of *December* and *January* laſt, for ſix Weeks and a Half, at £. 10 per Week, £. 65.

10th. To *Thomas Miller* for Quartering the ſick Soldiers belonging to the fourth *New-York* Regiment, in the Months of *December* and *January* laſt, for ſix Weeks, £. 60.

11th. To *Hendrick Smock*, Eſq. for the Uſe of Captain *Joſeph Stillwell*, for carting Ammunition from *Trenton* to *Monmouth* County, for the Uſe of the Militia, in *May* laſt, £. 150.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the Sum mentioned in the 4th Article of the ſaid Report? It was carried in the Negative: Whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Hornblower*, that the Sum of £. 500 be inſerted in Lieu of the Sum reported by the Committee, which was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilſon*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Foſter*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Neilſon*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the Sum allowed in the 6th Article of the ſaid Report? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Sharp*, ſeconded by Mr. *Brookfield*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Townsend*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Hopkins*,	Mr. *Sexton*.
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Thompson*.	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Cripps*,		
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,		

The House having considered the said Report,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Persons therein named, the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Hornblower* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Fithian* informed the House of the Death of *Timothy Elmer*, Esq. a Member of this House for the County of *Cumberland*: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Order to the High-Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*, to hold an Election in said County, for a Person properly qualified to represent the same in the General Assembly, in the Room of the said *Timothy Elmer*, deceased.

The re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to suspend the Act declaring the Value of the continental Currency, and to explain and amend the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Smock*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,
Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Foster*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Cripps*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Gano*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Sharp*.
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Fithian*,	
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Thompson*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with the Amendments agreed to by the Committee of Conference of both Houses.

A Representation of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Monmouth*, inclosing a State of the Accounts of the said Office, was read and ordered to be filed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing *Isaac Collins* to strike off Nine Hundred Copies of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the State in case of Invasions or Incursions of the Enemy*;

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State for the Time being, be authorized and empowered to pay to each of the Delegates of this State, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, by the Day, for each Day he has attended or shall hereafter attend on the Congress of the United States, during the Continuance of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jersey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the second* Tuesday *in* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, inclusive, and to discharge the publick Debts, and other contingent Charges thereof*, in Addition to the Wages allowed them in the said

said Act, and to be paid them on producing their Accounts respectively, authenticated in the Manner therein directed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the same to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Hildreth* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Warrant entitling *George M'Farland* to draw the Sum of *Ten Dollars* per Month from the Treasurer of the State, being the Amount of his Half-pay, from the third Day of *December*, 1776, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the said Warrant to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Thompson* reported, that Mr. *Sebring* and himself had delivered the Resolution, Warrant and Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Whereas by the Advancement of Prices, the Expences of Board and Entertainment are become so high that the Wages and Salaries granted in the Act, intitled, *An Act for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jersey, &c. to the several Officers therein mentioned, are not adequate to the Services required of them, for which Reason it is necessary to make them a further Allowance: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and required to pay to each of the Members of the Council and General Assembly, *Thirty-five Dollars* each per Day, for the Time they have or shall respectively attend at this present Sitting; and to the Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Assembly, the Sum of *Thirty-five Dollars* each per Day, for the Time they have or may respectively attend during the said Sitting; and to the Clerk of the Council, the Sum of *One Dollar* per Sheet, for copying the Proceedings of the Council; and to the Clerk of the Assembly, the Sum of *One Dollar* per Sheet, for copying the Laws and Proceedings of the House of Assembly; all which Sums shall be paid by the Treasurer, over and above the Sums allowed in the above recited Act, on such Certificates as therein are directed, which Certificates and Indorsements thereon shall be sufficient Vouchers to the Treasurer for so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Cripps*,	*Mr. Neilson*,	*Mr. Gano*,
Mr. Hornblower,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Cook*,
Mr. Smock,	*Mr. Sharp*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Fithian.*
Mr. Foster,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Sebring*,	
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Bunn*,	
Mr. Sparks,	*Mr. Hopkins*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	
Mr. Low,	*Mr. Thompson.*	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	

Ordered, That Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Rennard* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Two

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to each of the Delegates of this State, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* by the Day, in Addition to the Pay given them by a Law, intitled, *An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jersey, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Warrant, Certificates, *&c.* entitling *George M'Farland* to receive Half-pay;

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the said Warrant.'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to defray sundry Incidental Charges*.

On the Question, Whether *Bowes Reed* be allowed £. 100, for transporting the Council Chest from *Trenton* to *Burlington*, and thence back again to *Trenton?* It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Hopkins*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Wilson*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Brookfield*,	Mr. *Sexton*,
Mr. *Blanch*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Gano*,
Mr. *Hornblower*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Neilson*,	Mr. *Cripps*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,
Mr. *Stelle*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Smock*,	Mr. *Townsend*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	
Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Foster*,		Mr. *Hildreth*,	

The House having gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be engrossed.

Resolved, That *Isaac Collins*, Printer, be directed to strike off as soon as possible, Five Hundred Copies of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to enlarge the Power of the Contractors of the several Counties in this State, for a limited Time*, and as many Copies of the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, to be distributed in the same Proportion as the Laws are directed to be distributed; and that *Benjamin Van-Cleve*, Esq. be authorized and empowered to employ Expresses to carry the same, when printed, with the greatest Dispatch to the several Counties, to be delivered to the Member of Council or to either of the Members of the Assembly of each County; and that he lay an Account of the Expences attending the same before the Legislature at their next Sitting, for their Allowance and Payment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Rennard* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, authorizing the Treasurer to pay several Sums of Money, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Accounts;

'*Resolved*,

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Resolved, That the Collectors of the several Counties in this State do transmit to the Legislature at their next Sitting, an Account of all Monies by them paid out, in Virtue of the Direction of the 6th Section of the Act, intitled, *An Act for the better regulating the quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army*, with the Vouchers to support the same, for their Allowance and Settlement.

Mr. *Townsend* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himself had delivered the Messages with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

Mr. *Sexton* reported, that Mr. *Rennard* and himself had delivered the Resolutions with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Rennard*, relative to directing *Isaac Collins* to strike off sundry Copies of the Laws;

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

THAT Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to augmenting the Pay of the Members of the Council and Assembly;

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Whereas there is at present the most pressing Necessity that a Number of Carriages, Teams and Drivers should be immediately procured to transport the Stores at *Trenton*;

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Justices of the Peace of the several Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Burlington*, *Monmouth*, *Somerset*, *Middlesex* and *Sussex*, immediately on receiving Notice of this Resolution, to issue Warrants to the Constables of their respective Counties to impress as many Waggons with sufficient Teams and Drivers as can possibly be procured, to be forthwith sent to *Trenton*, to be loaded and forwarded by Direction of *Moore Furman*, Esquire, D. Q. M. G. of this State, the Drivers to take along with them Provisions for their own Use for six Days; and that the Contractors of the said Counties, when sufficient Receipts for the Delivery of the Loads shall be to them produced, do give Certificates for the Hire of the Waggons, Teams and Drivers so procured, payable in Specie or the Value thereof, with Interest therefor at the Rate of six per *Cent.* until paid.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sparks* and Mr. *Fosler* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sparks* reported, that Mr. *Fosler* and himself had delivered the Resolution with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Resolved, That *Israel Morris*, Esquire, Clothier and Purchaser of Stores for the Troops of this State, be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasury, during the Recess of the Legislature, such Sums from Time to Time as may be necessary for the Purchase of Clothing and the other Articles of Subsistence provided by Law for the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, so that the Whole exceed not the Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds*, and the Receipt of the said *Israel Morris* shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said

Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Iſrael Morris* be authorized and required to call upon *Enos Kelſey*, Eſquire, late Clothier and Purchaſer of Stores for the Troops of this State, for ſuch Articles of Clothing and Stores as may be in his Hands belonging to the State, and to take Charge thereof, and to deliver out the ſame, or cauſe them to be delivered out to the Troops agreeably to his Appointment, and the Receipt of the ſaid *Iſrael Morris* ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the ſaid *Enos Kelſey* for the Articles ſo delivered.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Biddle* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

Council-Chamber, *June* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to recommending to the Juſtices of the ſeveral Counties to iſſue Warrants to the Conſtables to impreſs Waggons, *&c.*

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Biddle* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

Reſolved, That the Clothier of this State for the Time being be directed to draw from the Treaſury ſuch Sums of Money as may be neceſſary for the Purchaſe of Clothing for the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, diſtinctly and ſeparately from the Draughts by him made for the Purchaſe of State Stores; and that the Treaſurer be directed carefully to diſtinguiſh what Sums may be drawn from the Treaſury for each Purpoſe, ſo as to enable the Auditor of Accounts to charge the Amount of the Clothing to the Account of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the ſame to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, by Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Biddle*, empowering *Iſrael Morris*, Eſq. State Clothier, *&c.* to draw a Sum of Money from the Treaſury, *&c.*

'*Reſolved*, That this Houſe do concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

Mr. *Vandyke* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *June* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, by Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Stelle*, relative to directing the Clothier to draw ſuch Sums as may be neceſſary, *&c.*

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.

The Houſe adjourned to meet at *Trenton*, on *Wedneſday* the thirteenth of *September* next.

BY VIRTUE of an ORDER of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of *New-Jerſey*, I DO hereby appoint *Iſaac Collins*, of *Trenton*, to print theſe Votes.

CALEB CAMP, Speaker.

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE

OF

NEW-JERSEY,

At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 26th Day of *October*, 1779, and continued by Adjournments until the 7th of *October*, 1780.

and last

BEING THE FOURTH SITTING OF THE FOURTH ASSEMBLY.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE of NEW-JERSEY.

TRENTON, Wednesday, September 13, 1780.

PURSUANT to Adjournment from the laſt Sitting, ſundry Members met, *viz.* Mr. *Neilſon*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Seabrook*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Bunn*, Mr. *Vandyke*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Whilden*, Mr. *Townſend*, Mr. *Hildreth*, Mr. *Van-Cleve*, Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Kitchel*; and, not being a Quorum to proceed to Buſineſs, adjourned till To-morrow Morning, ten of the Clock.

Thurſday, September 14, 1780.

The Members that were convened Yeſterday, again met, Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Mayhew* alſo attended, but, not being a Quorum, they adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Speaker and before-mentioned Members met, Mr. *Cook* alſo attended; and, not being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow Morning, ten of the Clock.

Friday, September 15, 1780.

The Speaker and before-mentioned Members met, Mr. *Carmichael* alſo attended; but, not being a Quorum, adjourned till three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Speaker and Members in Town met; but, not being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, September 16, 1780.

The Speaker and before-mentioned Members met, Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Foſter* and Mr. *Broderick* alſo attended; and, there being a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed to Buſineſs,

Ordered, That Mr. *Broderick* and Mr. *Low* do wait on the Council, and inform them thereof.

Reſolved, That *Robert Robertſon* be Door-keeper, during the preſent Sitting.

Mr. *Broderick* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Kitchel*, be a Committee to inſpect the Journals of the laſt Sitting, and report ſuch Buſineſs as ſtands referred, or remains unfiniſhed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Van-Cleve*, be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, in the Words following, *viz.*

'*Gentlemen*,

'I HEREWITH tranſmit to the Honourable Houſe, the following Papers, *viz.*

'1. A Reſolution of Congreſs of the 17th of *June* laſt, requeſting the ſeveral 'States to inform Congreſs what Meaſures they have taken in Conſequence of 'the ſeveral Reſolutions, a Liſt of which is annexed.

'2. A circular Letter from the Committee of Congreſs, dated the 19th of *June* 'laſt, on the Subject of forwarding our Quota of Troops and Proviſions.

'3. A Copy of a Letter from General *Waſhington*, to the Committee of Congreſs, 'referred to in the above.

'4. A Reſolution of Congreſs of the 21ſt of *June*, requeſting the Executive 'Magiſtrate of each State, to inform Congreſs what Meaſures they have taken, or 'are impowered to take, to comply with the Requiſitions of Congreſs, and to cor-'reſpond weekly with the Committee of Co-operation.

'5. A circular Letter from Preſident *Huntington*, accompanying the above.

'6. A circular Letter from Preſident *Huntington*, of the 22d and 23d of *June*, 'accompanying the above Reſolution, and an Extract of a Letter from General '*Waſhington* to Congreſs, of the 20th of *June*.

'7. The Extract from General *Waſhington*'s Letter, referred to in the laſt 'mentioned circular Letter.

'8. A Letter from the Committee of Congreſs, of the 23d of *June*, 1780.

'9. A Copy of a Letter from General *Waſhington*, to the Committee of Congreſs, 'dated the 23d of *June*, referred to in the above.

'10. A Reſolution of Congreſs of the 23d of *June*, for the ſeveral States to 'forward their Supplies, and to tranſmit to Congreſs and the Committee at Head-'Quarters, an Account of the Proceedings of their States.

'11. A Reſolution of Congreſs of the 29th of *June*, reſpecting the Warrants 'of the Proportion of the *Ten Million of Dollars*.

'12. A Letter from Preſident *Huntington*, of the 29th *June*, accompanying the 'above Reſolve.

'13. A circular Letter from General *Waſhington*, of the 30th *June*.

'14. A Copy of a Letter from General *Waſhington*, to the Committee of Con-'greſs, dated the 13th of *July* laſt.

'15. A Reſolution of Congreſs of the 24th *July*, directing the Quartermaſter 'General to appoint a Deputy Quartermaſter in the State of *New-Jerſey*.

'16. A Reſolution of Congreſs of the 25th *July*, authorizing the Executive of 'each State, to make ſuch Allowance for the Hire of Waggons as they ſhall judge 'adequate.

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'17. A Resolution of Congress of the 11th of *August*, appointing *Joseph Borden*, Esq. to endorse the Bills of Credit to be issued by the State of *New-Jersey*, in Pursuance of the Resolution of Congress of the 18th Day of *March* last.

'18. A Letter from the Committee of Congress of the 16th of *August*, with a Copy of a Letter from the Commissary General of Purchases, of the 15th of *August*.

'19. A Letter from General *Washington* of the 17th of *August*, on the Subject of the new Recruits, and acquainting me that by a Return of the 10th of *August* only 159 had then joined the *New-Jersey* Brigade; and by a Return of the Brigade-Major, marked

'20. Of the 16th of *August*, there were only 112 who had joined the Brigade. In Consequence of the above Letter from General *Washington* I was immediately going to write to all the Colonels to expedite that important Business, but on recollecting that their Authority for that Purpose was expired, I found myself incapable of rendering the Publick any Service in the Matter.

'21. I also transmit you a Copy of a Letter from General *Washington* to the Committee of Congress, of the 27th of *August*, on the Subject of the Deficiencies of the Recruits to complete the Army.

'22. A circular Letter from the Committee of Congress, of the 19th of *August*, enclosing the above Copy, and pressing this State to furnish the Remainder of their Troops.

'23. A Resolution of Congress of the 12th, and another of the 14th of *August*, making further Provision for the Officers and Soldiers, and extending the Half-pay to their Widows and Children.

'24. A Resolution of Congress of the 26th of *August*, recommending it to the States to draw in their respective Quotas of the Continental Bills of Credit, and to raise by Taxes, payable in the new Bills or Specie, their respective Quota of *Three Million of Dollars*.

'25. A circular Letter from the President of Congress, of the 3d of *September*, accompanying the above Resolution.

'26. A Letter from General *Washington*, of the 26th of *August*, on the Subject of the Distress of the Army for Want of Provisions.

'27. A Letter from General *Washington*, of the 27th of *August*, on the same Subject.

'28. A Return of the Officers and Privates, of the State of *New-Jersey*, in Colonel *Spencer*'s Regiment.

'29. A Letter from Mr. *Stoddert*, as Secretary to the Board of War, of the 7th of *July*, informing me that there are two double-fortified Four-pounders at *Carlisle*, belonging to this State, which were removed thither in the Campaign of 1777, now ready to be delivered to my Order, and which I shall accordingly order into this State if the Legislature shall think it worth while to make Provision for defraying the Expence of it.

'30. A Certificate, of the 11th of *July*, of the Election of the Officers to the Troop of Horse to be raised in *Woodbridge* and *Piscataway*. As the Election of these Officers appear to have been posterior to the Time limited by Law for raising the said Troop, I could not grant the Commissions, and the Troop must be dissolved unless the Legislature thinks proper to make further Provision in the Premises.

'I am further to acquaint the Honourable House, that Mr. *Israel Morris* having declined his Appointment of State-Clothier and Agent of Stores to the *New-Jersey* Brigade, the Governor and Privy-Council, on the 19th of *July* last, appointed Mr. *James M'Comb* in his Room, till the then next Meeting of the Legislature.

'I also lay before the House,

'31. A Report of the Justices and Freeholders, of the County of *Morris*, to the

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'Governor and Council, respecting the Ground for the building a Gaol, that the 'Legislature may further direct therein as they shall think proper.

'The Papers marked 32, 32 *a*, 33, 34, and 35, contain Charges and Complaints 'against Militia Officers, whom I shall direct to be tried by the proper Courts-'Martial as soon as the Legislature shall provide for defraying the Expence thereof.

'*Gentlemen*,

'From many of the above Papers you will see the Distress of our Army for 'Want of Provision, and the great Deficiency of the Quotas of Men expected from 'the several States: These two Objects therefore, especially at this critical Juncture '(when military Operations of the last Importance to *America* are hourly expected 'to take Place, and when in all Probability we may never again be favoured 'with the like Opportunity for dislodging the Enemy from their strongest Post on 'the whole Continent) will doubtless engage your most serious Attention, and ani-'mate you to make the necessary Provision with all the Dispatch which the Nature 'of the Case indispensably requires.

'*Trenton*, 14 *September*, 1780. WIL. LIVINGSTON.'

Which Message, and Papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Monmouth*, in Favour of *Lydia Whitlock*, Widow of *John Whitlock*, deceased, late a Lieutenant in the first Battalion of Militia in the County of *Monmouth*, commanded by Colonel *Nathaniel Scudder*, and killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Lydia Whitlock* for the Sum of *Five Pounds*, monthly, during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Monmouth*, in Favour of *Margaret Crawford*, Widow of *James Crawford*, a Private belonging to Captain *Samuel Carhartt*'s Company of Colonel *Nathaniel Scudder*'s Regiment of Militia, and killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Margaret Crawford*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings*, monthly, during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Monmouth*, in Favour of *Ann Clark*, Widow of *Alexander Clark*, deceased, late a Soldier in Captain *Thomas Hunn*'s Company of Colonel *Nathaniel Scudder*'s Regiment of Militia, and killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Ann Clark*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings*, monthly, during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Monmouth*, in Favour of *Elizabeth Rue*, Widow of *Matthias Rue*, deceased, late a Soldier in Ensign *Walton*'s Company, in Colonel *Nathaniel Scudder*'s Regiment of Militia, who was taken Prisoner and died while in Captivity, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Elizabeth Rue*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings*, monthly, during her Widowhood.

A Petition of *Joseph Peirson* was presented and read, praying a Law may be passed to devorce him from *Mary* his Wife.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Thomas Lawrence* of *Philadelphia*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had purchased a certain Tract of Land from the Commissioners

ers of forfeited Eſtates in the County of *Somerſet*, and that he is kept out of the Poſſeſſion of the ſame by the Brother of the former Owner, and praying to be put into Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Lands;

Ordered, That the Petitioner be referred to the Law.

The Petition of *Jacob Parker* and others, of the County of *Burlington*, was preſented and read, praying that a Law may be paſſed to enable the ſaid *Parker* to erect and build a Dam acroſs *Ancocas* Creek, about two Miles above *Mount-Holly*, in *Northampton* Townſhip, in order to raiſe a Head of Water to ſupport a Griſt-Mill.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of the Field and other Officers of the firſt Regiment of Militia in the County of *Morris*, was preſented and read, praying the ſaid Regiment may be divided into two Battalions.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Journals of the laſt Sitting, and report ſuch Buſineſs as ſtands referred or remains unfiniſhed, reported as follows:

THAT the Committee appointed at the laſt Sitting of Aſſembly for inſpecting the Journals of a former Sitting, had reported a Number of Articles, which have not been taken into Conſideration, *viz.*

1ſt. The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act*, intitled, *An* Act *for forfeiting to and veſting in the State of* New-Jerſey *the Real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders*, &c. reported with Amendments, was read, and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

2d. The Petition of the Legatees of *Cornelius Johnſon*, late of the County of *Hunterdon*, ſetting forth certain Deficiencies in the Laſt Will and Teſtament of ſaid *Cornelius Johnſon*, and praying Leave to lay a true State of the Caſe before the Legiſlature, was ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

3d. The Petition of 441 Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, and the Petition of 72 Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, on the Subject of the vacant Lands, were read, and ordered that the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

4th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge* Samuel Forman, Joſeph Lawrence *and* Kenneth Hankinſon, *three of the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates in the County of* Monmouth, *from their Appointment*, was read the ſecond Time, and the Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

5th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to preſerve the Buildings in this State belonging to the United States*, &c. was ordered a ſecond Reading.

6th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for incorporating ſundry Inhabitants of the Weſtern Parts of the Townſhip of* Newark, *in the County of* Eſſex, *as Truſtees for the Community, by the Name of the Truſtees of the ſecond* Preſbyterian Church *in* Newark, was referred over to the laſt Sitting.

7th. The Petition of *William Lawrence*, Gaoler, of the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth ſundry Grievances, and praying Redreſs, was referred to further Conſideration.

8th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to confirm the Copy of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of* James Pew, *late of the Townſhip of* Middletown, *in the County of* Monmouth, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

9th. The Memorial from ſundry of the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, reſpecting the Barracks in ſaid Town, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

10th. The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, praying

ing that Commiſſioners may be appointed to take Charge of and rent out the Griſt-Mill and Forges in *Spotſwood*, for the Benefit of the Publick, was ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

11th. The Petition of *George* and *Abraham Van-Neſte*, Sons, and *Jacob Tenbrook* and *Rynear Staats*, Sons-in-Law, of *Abraham Van-Neſte*, Eſq. deceaſed, praying a Re-Hearing, for Reaſons therein ſet forth on their Petition, for confirming the Will of *Abraham Van-Neſte*, deceaſed, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

12th. The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to the Act for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent treſpaſſing with Guns*, was referred to the laſt Sitting.

13th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Inhabitants of this State from plundering the Inhabitants of* Staten-Iſland, *and other Places in the Power of the Enemy*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

14th. The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An* Act *for building and repairing the Bridge over* Coopers *Creek*, &c. was read, and the further Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

15th. The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Bernard*'s Town, in the County of *Somerſet*, praying that a Diviſion may be made in ſaid Townſhip, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

16th. The Petition of *Lawrence Van-Hook*, of the Townſhip of *Morris River*, in *Cumberland* County, ſetting forth ſundry Grievances, and praying Redreſs, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

17th. The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Stafford* and *Dover*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying that a Law may be enacted, clearly to aſcertain what Part of Wrecks belong to the Captors, was referred to the next Sitting.

18th. The Petition from the Reverend *Jacob Van-Auſdalen*, praying that a Law may be enacted for incorporating ſundry Perſons in the Petition named, as Truſtees for the Society, was referred to the next Sitting.

19th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an* Act, *intitled, An* Act *for rebuilding, repairing and maintaining the Drawbridge over* Croſſwicks *Creek*, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

20th. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter, amend and confirm the Charter of* Queen's *College, in* New-Jerſey, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

21ſt. The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to maintain and eſtabliſh the Mill-Dam erected by* Charles Suydam, *on the North Side of* Raritan *River, near* Raritan Landing, *in the County of* Middleſex; *and the Memorial and Remonſtrance againſt the ſame;* were read, but no Determination made thereon.

The Additional Buſineſs of the laſt Sitting of Aſſembly left unfiniſhed, we further beg Leave to report, *viz.*

1ſt. The Petition from a Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Acquackanonck*, in the County of *Eſſex*, ſetting forth the Inequality of the Aſſeſſments in ſaid County, and alledging that an extra Proportion of Tax is paid in ſaid Townſhip, compared with the adjoining Townſhip in the neighbouring County of *Bergen*, &c. was ordered a ſecond Reading.

2d. The Memorial of ſundry Inhabitants of *Lower Alloways* Creek, in the County of *Salem*, praying that a Law may be enacted to bar the Heirs of *Henry Salter* to a particular Tract of Land in the ſaid Petition mentioned, or more generally to declare what Length of Time peaceable Poſſeſſion of Lands ſhall effectually ſecure the Poſſeſſors, and bar all Claims whatſoever, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

3d. The Petition of *Barent Striker*, Collector for the North Ward of *New-Brunſwick*, in the County of *Middleſex*, praying that a Law may be paſſed for the Relief of Perſons who may be ſtill poſſeſſed of *New-Jerſey* Money, was referred to further Conſideration.

7th. The

4th. The Petition of *Adam Boyd*, Esq. Sheriff of the County of *Bergen*, praying the Sum of *Nine Hundred and Sixty Pounds* publick Money, burned in or taken out of his House by the Enemy, may be remitted to him, *&c.* was ordered a second Reading.

5th. The Petition of *John Hunt*, praying, for certain Reasons, that a Law may be passed to invest in him the Real Estate of his deceased Father, was ordered a second Reading.

6th. The Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons who have lost their Deeds and other Instruments of Writing containing the Title of their Lands*, was ordered a second Reading.

7th. The Petition of *Albert Hankins*, praying a Law to divorce him from *Elizabeth* his Wife, was ordered a second Reading.

8th. The Bill, intitled, *An Act for limiting the Fines of Jurors, and directing the Appropriation of the same*, was postponed for further Consideration.

9th. The Bill, intitled, *An Act for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia*, was postponed to further Consideration.

10th. The Petition of Colonel *Jacob Hyer*, setting forth sundry Grievances, and praying for Relief, was ordered a second Reading.

11th. The Memorial of Lieutenant *John Howell*, of the first *New-Jersey* Regiment, setting forth, that he was injured in his Rank by Mr. *Cyrus De Hart*, who contends for the Seniority, was ordered a second Reading.

12th. The Letter from *Eli Eldredge* and *Aaron Leaming*, Esqrs. Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the County of *Cape-May*, was ordered a second Reading.

13th. The Memorial of *Moore Furman*, Esq. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

14th. The Bill, intitled, *An Act to ascertain the Privileges and Immunities of the Subjects of His Most Christian Majesty resident in this State*, was postponed to further Consideration.

15th. The Petition from a Number of Persons employed in the Iron-Works at *Ringwood*, in the County of *Bergen*, praying an Exemption from the monthly Tours of Military Duty, was ordered a second Reading.

16th. The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that their Apprentices and Servants were inlisted in the Continental Service, and praying a Compensation, was ordered a second Reading.

17th. The Petition of a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, praying that Persons convicted of High Treason and pardoned, may be debarred from the Use of Fire-Arms, was ordered a second Reading.

18th. The Memorial of *Azariah Dunham*, Esq. late an Assistant-Commissary General, was ordered a second Reading.

19th. The Petition of *John Ogden*, jun. praying a Title for certain Lands by him purchased from *Stephen Skinner*, now with the Enemy, was referred to the next Sitting.

ROELOFF SEBRING,
ABRAHAM KITCHEL.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or are expiring, reported as follows:

1st. THAT the Act to amend an Act, intitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned*, is expired.

2d. That the Act *more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State.*

3d. The Act *to provide for the more effectual Defence of the State, in case of Invasions or Incursions of the Enemy.*

4th. The Act *to suspend the Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency, and*

also the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto, will expire at the End of this Sitting.

JARED SEXTON.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Foster*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes*, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mayhew*, Mr. *Whilden* and Mr. *Carmichael*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to amend and continue the Act, intitled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State.*

Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Bowen* appeared and took their Seats in the House.

A Certificate from *John Longstreet*, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of *Monmouth*, of the Appointment of *John Lloyd*, Contractor for said County, in the Room and Stead of Lieutenant-Colonel *John Smock*, who is Prisoner with the Enemy, was read;

Resolved, That this House approve of the said Appointment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Seabrook* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, September 18, 1780.

The House met.

Two Petitions from the County of *Morris*, and one Petition from the County of *Hunterdon*, were presented and read, praying that a Law may be passed for the Abolition of Slavery.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the next Session.

A Petition from *John Lasler*, of the County of *Somerset*, was presented and read, setting forth, that shortly after his Marriage with his Wife *Mary*, late *Mary Tilton*, she was delivered of a Mulatto Child, and praying for that Reason, that a Law may be passed to divorce him from his said Wife.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the next Session.

A Representation from the Honourable *Philemon Dickinson* and *David Brearley*, Esquires, was presented and read, setting forth, that the Bills of Credit issued pursuant to an Act of General Assembly, passed the Ninth Day of *June* last, are not dated, and that no Provision is made by that Act for dating of them, so that at present it doth not appear from what Time the Interest arising thereon is to commence; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *Sexton*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for remedying the Defect mentioned in the above Representation.

Mr. *Bowen* reported, that Mr. *Seabrook* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to alter, amend and confirm the Charter of* Queen's *College, in* New-Jersey, was read the second Time; and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Bond from *James M'Comb*, lately appointed to provide for the better Subsistence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of

of the United States with two Sureties, bound in the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of his Duty in said Office.

Resolved, That the House approve of the Sureties in the said Bond mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* and Mr. *Foster* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, was presented and read, enclosing an Account of Expences for erecting a Beacon near *Pluckemin*; and also a Letter from *Abraham Skinner*, Esq. Commissary-General of Prisoners, of the 9th *September*, containing an Account of the Situation of the Prisoners of War belonging to this State, now in Captivity with the Enemy.

Ordered, That the said Message and Papers be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Thomas Manley* and others, was presented and read, praying that the said *Manley* may, for certain Reasons therein set forth, be exempted from paying Tax in this State for five Years next ensuing;

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hildreth* reported, that Mr. *Foster* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The Memorial of sundry Inhabitants of *Lower Alloways* Creek, in the County of *Salem*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the same be referred to the next Session? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mayhew*, seconded by Mr. *Mott*;

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Neilson,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Cook.*
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Foster*,	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Bowen*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	
Mr. Mayhew,	*Mr. Broderick.*	*Mr. Low*,	
Mr. Townsend,		*Mr. Sexton*,	

The Petition of the Legatees of *Cornelius Johnson*, late of the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth certain Deficiencies in the Last Will and Testament of the said *Cornelius Johnson*, and praying Leave to lay a true State of the Case before the Legislature, was read the second Time,

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the next Session.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

'*Council Chamber*, *September* 18, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to approving of the Appointment of '*John Lloyd*, Contractor for the County of *Monmouth*, in the Room of *John* '*Smock*;

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, *September* 19, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, assigned as the Quota of this State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, was presented

sented and read, accompanied with a Letter from President *Huntington*, of the 15th *September* Instant, with a Resolution of Congress of the same Date; requesting several of the States with all possible Dispatch to furnish, for the immediate Supply of the Army, their respective Proportion of the Number of Cattle therein mentioned, were read; also the Governor's Message of the 14th *September*, with Papers No. 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26 and 27, accompanying the same; were read the second Time: Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sexton*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Townsend*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter contained in the before-mentioned Message and Papers; and that Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Biddle* do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, together with the Time and Place of Meeting: The Papers contained in the Governor's Message of the 14th Instant, marked No. 8, 9, 11, 14 and 17, were read the second Time, and ordered to be filed: And also the Papers No. 15 and 16, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Governor and Council.

Mr. *Mayhew* reported, that Mr. *Biddle* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

A Remonstrance from a Number of the People called *Quakers* in Behalf of themselves and others belonging to the Quarterly Meeting of *Shrewsbury* and *Rahway*, was presented and read, setting forth, that the Militia Laws now in Force, and especially that passed the 16th *June* last, has proved very grievous in the Manner they have been executed against some of the Inhabitants belonging to said Meeting, and praying Relief in Future.

Ordered, That the said Remonstrance be read a second Time.

Mr. *Baker* appeared, and took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Neilson* informed the House that he had accepted of the Office of Deputy Quarter-Master of the State under Congress, and requested a Dismission from the House; whereupon he was dismissed accordingly.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Cumberland*, in Favour of *John Lee*, late a Soldier in Captain *John Cummings*'s Company, of Colonel *Israel Shreve*'s Regiment of this State, in the Service of the United States, who lost his Leg by a Wound received at the Battle of *Germantown* on the 4th of *October*, 1777, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *John Lee*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, during his Life.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *September* 19, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day by Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Biddle*,

'*Ordered*, That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Martin*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in a free Conference on the Matters contained in the said Message; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mr. *Bergen* To-morrow Morning at nine o'Clock, and that Mr. *Ogden* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.'

Resolved, That *Elisha Boudinot* be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasury, the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Pounds*, Continental Currency, to enable him to discharge the Account of *Lewis Pintard*,

for

for which the ſaid *Eliſha Boudinot* is to be accountable, and his Receipt ſhall be a ſufficient Voucher to the Treaſurer for ſo much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Reſolution? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Bowen*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Townſend*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Cook*.	*Mr. Broderick*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Carmichael* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, September 20, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of ſmall Cauſes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpoſe, and to confirm ſundry Proceedings of the Juſtices of the Peace in this State;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed Yeſterday withdrew to attend the Joint-Conference; and then the Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Committee of Conference withdrew; and then the Houſe adjourned till five o'Clock.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental* Act *to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for eſtabliſhing a Fund for ſinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, aſſigned as the Quota of this State*, was read the ſecond Time; and after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. *Vandyke* reported, that Mr. *Carmichael* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, September 21, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Rennard* appeared, and took their Seats in the Houſe.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee of Conference appointed on the 19th Inſtant, reported as follows:

THAT it is the Opinion of the Conferrees, that the Contractors of the ſeveral Counties be directed by Reſolution of both Houſes of the Legiſlature, immediately to forward on to Camp, all the Beeves they have on Hand that are fit for Slaughter.

By Order of the Committee,

SILAS CONDICT,
JARED SEXTON.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Whereas Congreſs, by their Reſolution of the 15th Inſtant, have required of this State 275 Beeves for a preſent Supply for the Army; therefore,

Reſolved, That the Contractors of the ſeveral Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Burlington*, *Glouceſter*, *Salem*, *Cumberland* and *Suſſex*, be required immediately to forward on to the Superintendant, all the Beeves that they have now on Hand that are fit to kill, to enable the ſaid Superintendant to comply with the ſaid Requiſition; that the Speaker be requeſted to forward Copies of this Reſolution to the ſaid Contractors; and that the Legiſlature will provide for the Expence thereof;

Ordered, That Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Kitchel* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Bunn* reported, that Mr. *Kitchel* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental* Act *to the Act*, *intitled*, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing a Fund for ſinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States*, *aſſigned as the Quota of this State*; on the Queſtion, Whether the Intereſt on the Bills emitted by the before recited Act commence from the ninth Day of *June* laſt? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Rennard*;

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Foſter*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Broderick.*
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Bowen.*	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,		
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Sexton*,		

The Houſe having gone through the ſaid Bill,

Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

A Memorial and Petition from the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates, in the County of *Salem*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that the late Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of that County had neglected, during his Life, to record the ſeveral Proceſſes iſſued out of ſaid Courts againſt the Real Eſtates forfeited in ſaid County, &c. whereby they were apprehenſive great Injury might ariſe to the Purchaſers, and perhaps to the Commiſſioners; and praying the Houſe would take proper Meaſures to validate the Sales.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe the Inſtructions of Major *Roſs*, Captain *Cummings*, Capt. *Cox* and the Reverend *Andrew Hunter*, from the Officers of the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, which was read, ſetting forth, that they have not received their Summer's Clothing, nor drawn the Stores allowed them by the State for near five Months paſt, and praying that the State Clothier may be enabled to furniſh them with ſuch Articles for the enſuing Winter, as they are entitled to by Law; and that they may receive a Compenſation for the Depreciation of their Pay, ſince *January* the 1ſt, 1777; and alſo that the Vacancies may be filled up in the ſeveral Regiments of the ſaid Brigade, by advancing thoſe Officers, who are entitled to Promotion, agreeably to a Return exhibited by Lieutenant-Colonel *Barber* at the laſt Sitting, which were read;

Ordered, That ſo much of the ſaid Inſtructions as reſpect the Clothing and State Stores, be referred to the Committee of Conference appointed on the 19th Inſtant; and that the Remainder thereof be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to preſerve the Buildings in this State*, *belonging to the United*

United States from being deſtroyed, and for the Puniſhment of thoſe that ſhall [illegible] on or injure the ſame, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Simmickſon*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *September* 21, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to requiring the Contractors to forward on to the Superintendant all the Beeves that they have now on Hand fit to kill; and requeſting the Speaker to forward Copies of the Reſolution requiring the ſame, *&c.*

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The Inſtructions of Major *Roſs*, Capt. *Cummings*, Capt. *Cox* and the Revd. *Andrew Hunter*, were read the ſecond Time; whereupon

A Motion was made by Mr. *Fenimore*, ſeconded by Mr. *Broderick*, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for making Compenſation to the Officers and Soldiers of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Vandyke*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That *John Bellerjeau* be Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe.

Whereas a Number of the Members of this Houſe have not attended at the Time to which the Houſe was adjourned, whereby the urgent Buſineſs of the State is delayed and impeded; therefore,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker be directed to ſummon Meſſieurs *Brookfield*, *Hornblower* and *Cripps*, abſent Members, immediately to attend their Duty in this Houſe; and that he give Orders to the Serjeant at Arms for that Purpoſe.

A Petition from *David Williamſon*, *Johanna Neilſon* and *Jaques Voorhees*, was preſented and read, praying Compenſation for the Depreciation on Money by them lent to the State, by Virtue of an Act paſſed the thirtieth Day of *April*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and repaid at the nominal Value, previous to the Reſolution of Congreſs of the 18th of *March* laſt;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, September 22, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Mayhew*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to continue and amend the Act, intitled, An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Juſtice Perſons charged with certain atrocious Offences againſt the Peace of the State*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Memorial from Colonel *Aſher Holmes*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he was appointed one of the Commiſſioners to pay the Bounty and Subſiſtence Money allowed to the Volunteers raiſed by Order of the Convention in *June*, 1776; that he had received about *Three Thouſand Pounds* of *John Dennis*, Eſq. then Treaſurer; which Money was paid to the ſeveral Volunteers raiſed, and Receipts

ceipts taken from each Man, agreeably to the Ordinance of Convention; that his Accounts were made out for Settlement before the *Britiſh* Army paſſed through this State from *Philadelphia* to *New-York*, in 1778; in which Rout all the ſaid Receipts, together with his other Accounts, were deſtroyed by them, whereby he is rendered incapable of producing ſufficient Vouchers in order to a Settlement with the Auditor; and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Richard Weſtcot*, and others, in Behalf of the Children of *John Little*, deceaſed, ſetting forth, that the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Little* is wantonly waſted by the Widow and other Perſons; and praying that the Legiſlature would appoint Guardians for the Children, and to take Care of the Eſtate.

Reſolved, That the Laws of the State are adequate in this Caſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Mott*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for eſtabliſhing the Rate of Allowance of Fees and Rewards; and of Fines and Forfeitures.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sexton*, Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Morris*, be a Committee to bring in the Draught of a Bill to reviſe and amend the Act, intitled, *An Act for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *&c.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard*, Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Hildreth*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges.

Mr. *Morris*, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the ſeveral Townſhip-Collectors to recover the Monies received by Conſtables from Delinquents in paying Taxes on the Sale of Diſtreſs taken for the ſame;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Committee of Conference withdrew; and then the Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Thompſon* appeared and took his Seat in the Houſe.

The Committee of Conference withdrew; and then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, September 23, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee of Conference appointed on the 19th Inſtant, reported as follows:

THAT it is the Opinion of the Committee, that a Reſolution be immediately entered into by both Houſes, requiring the County-Collectors of *Salem*, *Glouceſter*, *Burlington*, *Monmouth*, *Middleſex*, *Eſſex*, *Morris* and *Suſſex;* and alſo the ſeveral Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Militia, immediately to pay forward into the Treaſury all the publick Monies in their Hands.

By Order of the Conferrees,

JARED SEXTON.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Hopkins* appeared and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Foſter*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Cook*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill to amend the Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes.*

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for eſtabliſhing a Fund for ſinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, aſſigned as the Quota of this State*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,
Mr. Baker,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Foſter*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Biddle*,
Mr. Seabrook,	*Mr. Whilden*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Broderick.*
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Townſend*,	*Mr. Bowen*,	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Townſend* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from Lieutenant *John Haviland*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that he has lately returned from Captivity; and praying that ſome further Compenſation over and above his Pay may be allowed him for his Time and Expences during his ſaid Captivity;

Ordered, That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Reſolved, That the County-Collectors of *Bergen*, *Eſſex*, *Middleſex*, *Burlington*, *Glouceſter*, *Salem*, *Morris* and *Suſſex*, be required to pay into the Treaſury all the publick Monies in their Hands belonging to the State; and alſo to call on the ſeveral Officers of their reſpective Counties immediately to bring in to them the publick Money in their Hands belonging to the State.

That the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Militia Regiments of the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Eſſex*, *Monmouth*, *Somerſet*, *Burlington*, *Glouceſter*, *Salem*, *Hunterdon*, *Morris* and *Suſſex*, be required immediately to pay forward into the Treaſury, the Fines and Taxes of the Claſſes who were deficient in furniſhing the Men directed to be embodied for the Defence of the Frontiers, by Virtue of the Act, intitled, *An Act to raiſe and embody, for a limited Time, ſix Hundred and twenty-four Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State;* or by one other Act, intitled, *An Act to complete the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States; and to raiſe a Company of Volunteers for the Defence of Part of the County of* Monmouth.

That Copies of theſe Reſolutions be immediately forwarded to the reſpectiv Officers to whom they relate by the Speaker of the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Expreſſes; and that the Legiſlature will make Proviſion for the Payment of the Expence of ſuch Expreſſes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seabrook* and Mr. *Broderick* do carry the ſaid Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Thompſon* reported, that Mr. *Townſend* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect, burn and deſtroy the Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer, which has been cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, and lay a particular Account of their Proceedings before the Legiſlature, reported as follows:

THAT they have carefully examined ſaid Monies, and found the Sums following, *viz.* £. 17061 8 6 Loan-Office Money, emitted the 25th of *March*, 1776, ſigned by *John Stevens*, jun. *John Hart* and *Jonathan Deare*; £. 65 14 0 of ſaid Loan-Office Money ſigned Part by *John Smyth*, and Part by *Joſeph Smith*, and the other former Signers; £. 3841 1 6 of ſaid Loan-Office Money ſigned only by two Signers, *viz.* *John Hart* and *Jonathan Deare*; £. 27 10 6 *Jerſey* Money, of the former Emiſſions; £. 18468 16 0 Money emitted by an Ordi-

nance of the Provincial Congress of this State, dated the 20th Day of *February*, 1776; and, £. 116 15 of said Provincial Congress Money, signed by only two Signers; which said several Sums amounting in the whole to £. 39581 5 6 they have burnt and destroyed: They also found with the cancelled Money the Sum of £. 88 12 6 Loan-Office Bills not signed at all, which they also burnt; and £. 9 7 0 *Pennsylvania* Money, which they returned to the Treasurer; there also remains in the Hands of the Treasurer the Sum of £. 1011 16 0 Provincial Congress Money, condemned by the Justices and Freeholders as Counterfeit. These Bills appear to be genuine and properly signed, except only the Name *Samuel Tucker*, which is counterfeited: And altho' the Committee are of Opinion, it is unreasonable that either the Treasurer, Collectors or other Inhabitants of this State who may have received the said Bills without knowing them to be counterfeit, should lose them, they did not think themselves authorized to burn and destroy them without particular Directions from the Legislature.

JONATHAN DEARE,
JAMES MOTT, jun.
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

To which the House agreed.

Mr. *Seabrook* reported, that Mr. *Broderick* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter of this Day from *Nathaniel Scudder* and *Thomas Henderson*, which was read, earnestly requesting to be heard this Day, on Matters of Moment to the County of *Monmouth*.

Ordered, That they be heard this Afternoon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* have Leave of Absence till *Monday* next, on special Business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* have Leave of Absence, on Account of his Indisposition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Foster* have Leave of Absence until *Monday* Afternoon, on special Business.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *September* 23, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to the Speaker of the Assembly forwarding Expresses to the County-Collectors and Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Militia, to forward to the Treasury the Taxes and Fines in their Hands, &c.

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Agreeably to the Order of the House this Morning, Mr. *Nathaniel Scudder* and *Thomas Henderson* appeared before the House, and presented a Memorial from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth the daily Depredations committed on the loyal Subjects residing in said County, to the great Danger of their Liberties, Lives and Property; and praying that a Law may be passed to authorize the well-affected Inhabitants to retaliate upon the Property of the disaffected of said County: And also a Copy of an Association lately formed and entered into by a Number of the Inhabitants of said County, which were read;

Whereupon a Motion was made by Mr. *Kitchel*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, that the said Papers be referred to a Committee, and that they report their Opinion thereon to the House; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Kitchel*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*.

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Fenimore*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Cook*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	Mr. *Townſend*,
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Whilden*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
			Mr. *Broderick*.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial and Aſſociation be committed to Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Bowen*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Townſend*.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the ſeveral Townſhip Collectors to recover the Monies from Conſtables by them received for Taxes*, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, September 25, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whilden* have Leave of Abſence, on Account of Indiſpoſition.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to confirm a Copy of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of* James Pew, *late of the Townſhip of* Middletown, *in the County of* Monmouth, *and State of* New-Jerſey, *in Lieu of the Original*, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of ſmall Cauſes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpoſe, and to confirm ſundry Proceedings of the Juſtices of the Peace in this State*, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the ſeveral Townſhip Collectors to recover the Monies from Conſtables by them received for Taxes*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Mott* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to empower* Stacy Potts *to erect a Dam acroſs* Aſſanpink *Creek, a little above his Papermill, in* Trenton, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Thompſon*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,	Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Hopkins*.	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Mott* wait on the Council, and inform them that the ſaid Bill is rejected by this Houſe.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, was preſented and read, praying, for Reaſons therein ſet forth, a Repeal of the Act for eſtabliſhing a Fund for ſinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, aſſigned as the Quota of this State; or if a Repeal of the ſaid Act ſhould be deemed leſs calculated for the publick Good, that a Law may be paſſed

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to put thoſe who have received their Debts at a depreciated Rate on an equal Footing with thoſe whoſe Debts are yet outſtanding.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be filed.

The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Bernard's-Town*, in the County of *Somerſet*, praying, that a Diviſion may be made in ſaid Townſhip, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion, and that the Petitioners give publick Notice of the Purpoſe and Deſign of this Application, in two of the moſt publick Places in each of the Townſhips of *Bernard* and *Bridgewater*, in the ſaid County, for at leaſt two Weeks after the firſt Meeting of the next Aſſembly.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of ſmall Cauſes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpoſe, and to confirm ſundry Proceedings of the Juſtices of the Peace in this State*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Sparks*,	Mr. *Sexton*,	Mr. *Fithian*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Kitchel*,	Mr. *Broderick*.
Mr. *Seabrook*,	Mr. *Rennard*,	Mr. *Cook*,	
Mr. *Sebring*,	Mr. *Mayhew*,	Mr. *Carmichael*,	
Mr. *Bunn*,	Mr. *Townſend*,	Mr. *Bowen*,	
Mr. *Vandyke*,	Mr. *Hildreth*,	Mr. *Thompſon*.	
Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Van-Cleve*,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Mott* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to alter, amend and confirm the Charter of* Queen's College, *in* New-Jerſey; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be poſtponed.

Mr. *Wilſon* appeared and informed the Houſe, that he had by Indiſpoſition been prevented from attending on his Duty until this Time; which Excuſe was admitted as ſatisfactory by the Houſe.

Mr. *Stelle* appeared and informed the Houſe, that he had, by the Indiſpoſition of his Family, been prevented from attending on his Duty until this Time; which Excuſe was admitted as ſatisfactory by the Houſe.

A Petition from *John Salter*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth that Captain *Green*, of the Militia of ſaid County, with a Number of armed Men under his Command, had forcibly ſeized and carried away ſundry Articles of Property belonging to the Petitioner and to *John Hartſhorne* of the ſame County, under Pretence of Retaliation; that he had ſought Redreſs through the Medium of Law without Effect, and praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, and the Aſſociation which accompanied the ſame.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Mott* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſages and Papers with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for limiting the Fines of Jurors and directing the Appropriation of the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fithian*, Mr. *Mayhew* and Mr. *Sparks*.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Tueſday,

Tuesday, September 26, 1780.

The House met.

A Petition from *Bartholomew Hunt*, and others, of *Cumberland* County, was presented and read, praying that some Mode may be pointed out for the Payment of certain Supplies by them furnished last Winter for Major *Lee*'s Corps of Horse.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be referred to the Contractor of the said County.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter of the 23d Instant, from *Josiah Hornblower*, Esquire, one of the Members summoned to attend the House, acquainting him that he was by Indisposition rendered unable to comply with their Order: The House having considered the Reasons alledged by Mr. *Hornblower* for his Non-attendance,

Resolved, That the same are satisfactory.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to confirm a Copy of the Last Will and Testament of* James Pew, *late of the Township of* Middletown, *in the County of* Monmouth, *and State of* New-Jersey, *in Lieu of the Original*, was read and compared,

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Cook* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned, the House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House being informed that the Serjeant at Arms directed to summon Mr. *Cripps*, an absent Member, had returned,

Ordered, That he be called upon, and make his Report to the House;

The Serjeant at Arms accordingly attended, and reported on Oath, that he had served the Summons agreeably to the Orders of the House, and that Mr. *Cripps* had told him that the Situation of his Affairs would not permit his Attendance, or Words to that Effect.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Mott* be a Committee to inspect and correct the Journals of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, September 27, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A supplementary* Act *to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jersey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the second* Tuesday *in* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, inclusive, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House took into Consideration the Excuse given by Mr. *Cripps* for Non-attendance on his Duty in this House, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Excuse of Mr. *Cripps* for Non-attendance is unsatisfactory, and that he has been therein guilty of Neglect of Duty.

A Petition of *Abraham Ackerman*, Eſquire, one of the Juſtices of the Peace, &c. for the County of *Bergen*, ſetting forth, that in *September*, 1779, he had, on Application to him for that Purpoſe, procured Quarters for a Number of ſick Men belonging to the Regiment of Horſe commanded by Colonel *Waſhington*; that the Perſons who furniſhed Quarters and Proviſions for the ſaid ſick Men had obtained Certificates from the Regimental Quartermaſter therefor; which the Paymaſter and Quartermaſter refuſe to diſcharge, and praying Relief.

Alſo a Petition from the ſaid *Abraham Ackerman*, Eſquire, praying, for Reaſons therein ſet forth, that the Legiſlature would reviſe and make certain Alterations in the Act to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes. And likewiſe a Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, on the ſame Subject, were read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill to amend the Act to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned, the Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned, the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thurſday, September 28, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal ſundry Acts, and revive the ſeveral Acts thereby altered or repealed, and to eſtabliſh the Rate of Allowance of Fees and Rewards, and of Fines and Forfeitures*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Cook* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Vice-Preſident in Council.

The Houſe took into Conſideration ſundry Accounts ſtated and reported by the Auditor of Accounts; and after ſome Time ſpent in the Examination of the ſame,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition of *John Hunt*, praying, for Reaſons therein aſſigned, that he may be veſted by Law with the Real Eſtate of his Father late deceaſed, notwithſtanding the Will of his ſaid Father, by which he was diſinherited of the ſame; and alſo a Petition of this Day from the ſaid *John Hunt* on the ſame Subject, accompanied with the Proceedings of the Council of the State of *Pennſylvania*, and a Copy of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of his Father *John Hunt*; were read, and ordered to be referred to the next Seſſion.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Council-Chamber, September* 28, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of the 18th Inſtant, relative to the Bond given by *James M'Comb*, State-Clothier,

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday,

Friday, September 29, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Brookfield* appeared and informed the Houſe that he had by Indiſpoſition been prevented from attending on his Duty until this Time; which Excuſe was admitted as ſatisfactory by the Houſe.

Mr. *Rennard*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Tide Marſh and Meadows, lying on* Abſecom *Creek, in the County of* Glouceſter, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Waterworks acroſs the ſaid Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſaid Meadows and Marſh;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Jacob Parker*, and others, of the County of *Burlington*, praying that a Law may be paſſed to enable the ſaid *Parker* to erect and build a Dam acroſs *Ancocas* Creek, about two Miles above *Mountholly*, in *Northampton* Townſhip, was read the ſecond Time; and alſo a Petition from *Thomas Reynolds*, Eſquire, and others, againſt the ſame, was read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the next Seſſion.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Eſſex*, was preſented and read, ſetting forth, that they had hired Subſtitutes to ſerve in the *New-Jerſey* Brigade, agreeably to the Act for completing the four Battalions of this State, in the Continental Service, paſſed *May* 28th, 1777, during the War; ſince which they have been taxed to pay Subſtitutes, contrary to ſaid Law; and praying that they may not be obliged to pay Taxes for raiſing ſix Months Men.

Ordered, That the ſame be filed.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Remonſtance of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, and the Aſſociation therein referred to; and the Petition of *Joſeph Salter*, reported as follows:

THAT they have maturely conſidered the Matters to them committed, and are thereupon of Opinion, that the following Reſolutions ſhould be entered into by the Houſe of Aſſembly;

1ſt. That the expoſed and dangerous Situation of the Frontiers of *Monmouth* County, liable to the continual Depredations of the Enemy, and the great Number of well-affected Inhabitants lately captured by them in that Quarter, are Matters highly worthy the particular Attention of Government.

2d. That a prudent Diſpoſition of the Militia Force, directed by Law for that Station the laſt Sitting of the Legiſlature, together with the occaſional Aid of the Militia adjoining the Frontiers, would, with proper and ſpirited Exertions, in a great Meaſure, if not entirely, have afforded Security and Protection to that Part of the County.

3d. That the Delinquency of the Officers and Claſſes in ſome of the Counties in procuring and forwarding the Men directed for that Service, has greatly contravened the good Intentions of the Legiſlature, and burdened the Militia in that Quarter with an over Proportion of Duty.

4th. That to ſupply this Deficiency His Excellency the Governor and Privy-Council be requeſted to call out a Number of Militia, to be relieved monthly, while that Service ſhall be neceſſary.

5th. That the Aſſociation for Retaliation, referred to in the ſaid Memorial, is an illegal and dangerous Combination, utterly ſubverſive of the Law, highly dangerous to Government, immediately tending to create Diſunion among the Inhabitants, directly leading to Anarchy and Confuſion, and tending to the Diſſolution of the Conſtitution and Government.

6th. That

6th. That the Exertions of the Associators regularly to enforce the Laws in that County, and to defend the Frontiers against the predatory Incursions of the Enemy's Parties, would have had a much more evident Tendency to have produced Security to the County, and Safety to the well-affected Inhabitants, than any illegal Combination whatever.

By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Mr. *Morris*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Appointment of a Master of the Rolls, and for the better Regulation of the Court of Chancery*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Representation from the Contractors of several of the Counties in this State, was presented and read, setting forth, that they have, by Experience, found their present Salary and Allowances inadequate; and praying that the Legislature would make such further Provision for them as they, in their Wisdom, shall think proper.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the next Session.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *September* 29, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *A supplemental* Act *to the Act, intitled, An* Act *for establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States assigned as the Quota of this State*, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

A Certificate from *John Carle*, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of *Morris*, of the Appointment of *Joseph Lewis*, Contractor for said County, in the Room and Stead of *Cornelius Ludlow*, who has declined serving, was read,

Resolved, That this House approve of the said Appointment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Brookfield* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from *Eli Elmer*, of the County of *Cumberland*, (late a Captain Lieutenant of Artillery) was presented and read, setting forth that he had with his own Hands made out a Return of the Company to which he belonged, in consequence of a Resolution of Congress, and a consequent general Order for that Purpose; but had notwithstanding never been allowed any Part of the additional Supplies granted to the Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade; that he has now obtained a Discharge from the Service, and praying to be allowed an Equivalent to the Supplies furnished to the other Officers during the Time he continued in the Army.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for making a Compensation to the Officers and Soldiers of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay.

Two Certificates of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Essex*, one in Favour of *Esther Passel*, Widow of *Nicholas Passel*, deceased; and another in Favour of *Eunice Reock*, Widow of *Jacob Reock*, deceased, late Soldiers in Captain *Isaac Reeves*'s Company, of Colonel *Philip Van-Cortland*'s Regiment of Militia, and killed in the Service of the United States, were read and approved;

Ordered, That Warrants do issue in Favour of the said *Esther Passel* and *Eunice Reock*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* each, monthly, during their Widowhood.

Mr. *Cook* reported, that Mr. *Brookfield* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

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The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act, intitled, An Act to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty, inclusive, and to diſcharge the publick Debts and other contingent Charges thereof;* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Mott*.

Whereas it has been repreſented to this Houſe, that the Contractors of ſome of the Counties of this State have been remiſs in the Performance of the Duties of their Office; Therefore,

Reſolved, that it be recommended to the Judges and Juſtices of the ſeveral Counties in this State, immediately to inſtitute an Enquiry into the Conduct of the Contractors of their reſpective Counties, and to diſplace any Contractor, who, upon Examination, ſhall be found to have been negligent in his Duty, incapable of the Office, or guilty of Miſconduct, to appoint another in his Room, and to certify the ſame to the Legiſlature agreeably to Law.

The Houſe adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Warrants entitling *Elizabeth Rue*, Widow of *Matthias Rue*, deceaſed, and *Ann Clark*, Widow of *Alexander Clark*, deceaſed, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* each per Month, being the Half-pay of their deceaſed Huſbands, from the thirteenth Day of *February*, 1777, were read, approved, and ordered to be ſigned.

The Warrants entitling *Lydia Whitlock*, Widow of Lieutenant *John Whitlock*, deceaſed, to draw *Five Pounds* per Month, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband from the thirteenth Day of *February*, 1777, was read, approved, and ordered to be ſigned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* and Mr. *Foſter* do carry the ſaid Warrants to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Committee of Conference withdrew; and then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, September 30, 1780.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Sexton*, from the Committee of Conference appointed on the 19th Inſtant, reported as follows:

THAT it is the Opinion of the Conferees, that the Legiſlature ſhould repreſent to Congreſs, in the moſt explicit Terms, the Embarraſſments this State labours under for Want of the Money due to the Inhabitants thereof from the Continent, which prevents a Sufficiency thereof being collected to purchaſe Clothing for the Troops and other neceſſary Supplies for the Army; requeſting Congreſs either to diſcharge the ſaid Debts, ſo far as to anſwer the preſent Exigencies of the State, or that they would permit the Legiſlature to appropriate, for the Purpoſe of Clothing the Troops, the Whole of the new Bills of Credit emitted by Congreſs and aſſigned as the Quota of this State, when the ſame ſhall be exchanged as by Law directed; Four-tenths whereof is ſubject to the Order of Congreſs.

To which the Houſe agreed.

And that a Subſcription for a Loan be immediately opened in the ſeveral Counties of this State, and forwarded to the Treaſury by their Repreſentatives reſpectively, at the firſt Meeting of the next Legiſlature; and that the Perſons, who ſhall lend the Money, have in their Option to receive the new Money at the law-

ful Exchange immediately, or Promiſſary Notes from the Treaſurer on Behalf of the State, to be paid at the ſame Exchange with Intereſt in one Year.

By Order of the Conferees,

SILAS CONDICT,
JARED SEXTON.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the 2d Paragraph in the ſaid Report? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, ſeconded by Mr. *Sexton*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Townſend*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Seabrook*,	*Mr. Hildreth*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Broderick.*

The Votes being equal, the Speaker decided in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait upon the Council, and inform them that this Houſe have agreed to the Report of the Committee of Conference of both Houſes.

Petitions from *Thomas Wilſon*, *Thomas Bowlſly* and *Edward Lanning*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, were preſented and read, ſetting forth, that in the Months of *June* and *July* laſt they were ordered to meet in the Militia; that they were unable to comply with theſe Orders on Account of the Situation of their Families or Affairs; for which Omiſſions they have been reſpectively fined to a conſiderable Amount, and their Effects diſtrained and ſold for Payment, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be filed.

A Repreſentation from *John Neilſon*, Eſq. D. Q. M. of this State, was read, ſetting forth great Deficiencies of Forage at the different Poſts in the State, and the Difficulties that will therein ariſe, in Regard to the Tranſportation of Proviſion and other Neceſſaries, which may be brought into the State for the Uſe of the Army, unleſs the Poſts ſhould ſpeedily be ſupplied.

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be committed to Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Sparks* and Mr. *Mayhew*; and that they make Report thereon to the Houſe.

Mr. *Hildreth* reported, that Mr. *Foſter* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Tide Marſh and Meadows, lying on* Abſecom *Creek, in the County of* Glouceſter, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Waterworks acroſs the ſaid Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſaid Meadows and Marſh*, was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. *Vandyke* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *September* 30, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Deare* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Report of the Committee of Conference of both Houſes.'

'*Council-*

'*Council-Chamber, September* 30, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to approving of the Appointment of *Joseph Lewis*, Contractor for the County of *Morris*;

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

The Memorial of *Daniel Hendrickson*, Colonel of the 3d Regiment of the Militia of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that neither Taxes nor Militia Fines can be collected in some Places within the Limits of his Regiment, by Reason of their Contiguity to the Lines of the Enemy, and praying that Provision may be made by the Legislature for furnishing the Officers appointed to assess or collect Taxes, or to collect military Fines, with a Guard for their Protection; whereupon,

Resolved, That where in any Township, Precinct or Ward, in any County in this State, it may be impracticable or dangerous to assess or collect the Taxes, or to recover the military Fines, directed by Law, it shall and may be lawful for the Colonel or Commanding Officer of any Regiment in such County, and he is hereby authorized and required, on Application to him made by the Assessor or Collector of such Township, Precinct or Ward, or by any Constable of the County, or other Person appointed or employed to collect the said Taxes or Fines, in the Room and Stead of a Constable, to order out such a Number of Men of his Regiment for the Protection of the said Assessor or Collector, or for the Protection and Assistance of the said Constable or other Person so employed in his Stead, in every Case, where sufficient Provision is not already made by Law for that Purpose, as to the said Colonel or Commanding Officer shall appear adequate, who, while engaged in that Duty, shall be entitled to the same Pay, Bounty and Rations as are by Law allowed to the Militia while in actual Service, to be paid by the Paymaster appointed to pay the Militia of such County on Payrolls of the same being to him exhibited, properly certified and authenticated.

Resolved, That the several Paymasters of the Militia be authorized and required in like Manner to pay the Sum due on any Payrolls, properly certified and authenticated, which may be to them exhibited for such Services, mentioned in the foregoing Resolution, as may have been performed since the first Day of *December* last.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Low* do carry the said Resolutions to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Whereas it appears, that there are a Number of Arms and Accoutrements belonging to the State, in the Hands of different Persons in the Counties of *Gloucester*, *Cumberland* and *Burlington*;

Resolved, That *John Sparks*, *Jonathan Bowen* and *Thomas Fenimore*, Esquires, be requested to endeavour to procure as accurate an Account as possible of the State of such of the said Arms and Accoutrements as may be in the respective Counties, and in whose Hands or Possession they may be; and that they do severally make Returns thereof to the next Session of the Legislature.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Tide Marsh and Meadows, lying on* Absecom *Creek, in the County of* Gloucester, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Waterworks across the said Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the said Meadows and Marsh*; and, after having gone through the same, and made sundry Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, October 2, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Tide Marſh and Meadows, lying on* Abſecom *Creek, in the County of* Glouceſter, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Waterworks acroſs the ſaid Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſaid Meadows and Marſh*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Low* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

The Warrants entitling *Eunice Reock*, Widow of *Jacob Reock*, deceaſed, and *Eſther Paſſel*, Widow of *Nicholas Paſſel*, deceaſed, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* each per Month, being the Half-pay of their deceaſed Huſbands, from the 7th *June*, 1780, were read, approved, and ordered to be ſigned.

The Warrant entitling *Margaret Crawford*, Widow of *James Crawford*, deceaſed, to draw *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, being the Half-pay of her deceaſed Huſband, from the 13th *February* 1777, was read, approved, and ordered to be ſigned.

The Warrant entitling *John Lee*, a wounded and diſabled Soldier, to draw the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, being the Amount of his Half-pay, during his Life, was read, approved, and ordered to be ſigned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Low* do carry the ſaid Warrants to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf had delivered the Bill, Warrants and Reſolutions with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from His Excellency the Preſident of Congreſs to His Excellency the Governor, encloſing the following Papers:

1ſt. INSTRUCTIONS of the General Aſſembly of *Maryland*, to their Delegates, reſpecting the Articles of Confederation.

2d. A Declaration of the State of *Maryland*, reſpecting the unappropriated Lands, and the Articles of Confederation.

3d. An Act of the Legiſlature of *New-York*, to facilitate the Completion of the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union among the United States of *America*.

4th. A Remonſtrance of the General Aſſembly of the State of *Virginia* to Congreſs, on the Subject of the unappropriated Lands.

5th. The Report of a Committee of Congreſs, to which the foregoing Papers were referred, and the Reſolution of Congreſs directing Copies of the before-mentioned Papers and Report of the Committee to be tranſmitted to the ſeveral States, and preſſing the States claiming unappropriated Lands, who have not already adopted the Meaſure, to paſs Laws for relinquiſhing a Portion of their Claims to the ſaid Lands, and urging the State of *Maryland* to authorize their Delegates in Congreſs to ſubſcribe the Articles of Confederation.

Which Letter and the Papers therein encloſed were read, and ordered to be filed.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee to whom was referred the Remonſtrance from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, and the Aſſociation therein referred to, *&c.* Whereupon,

An Amendment was moved by Mr. *Fenimore*, ſeconded by Mr. *Carmichael*, to ſtrike out the fifth Paragraph of the ſaid Report, and inſert the Words following, viz. That the Aſſociation referred to in the Memorial ought to be diſcountenanced by the Legiſlature as illegal, and contrary to the Laws of the State: On the Queſtion,

tion, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Sebring*, seconded by Mr. *Carmichael*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Rennard,*	*Mr. Wilson,*	*Mr. Townsend,*
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Morris,*	*Mr. Hildreth,*
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Carmichael,*	*Mr. Brookfield,*	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Bowen.*	*Mr. Mott,*	*Mr. Sexton,*
Mr. Fenimore,		*Mr. Foster,*	*Mr. Fithian,*
Mr. Biddle,		*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Thompson,*
Mr. Sparks,		*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the fifth Paragraph in the said Report? It was carried in the Affirmative.

The House having gone through the said Report,

Resolved, That the House agree to the same.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, October 3, 1780.

The House met.

A Petition from *Jacob Suydam*, Collector for the Township of *South-Amboy*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he has received a Sum of *New-Jersey* Money, in Payment of Taxes, and praying, if a Law should be enacted for calling in the said Money, that he may be included;

Ordered, That the same be referred to the next Session.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to procure an Estimate of the Depreciation of Pay due to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Foster*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A supplemental* Act *to an Act, intitled, An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Representation of *John Neilson*, D. Q. M. of this State, reported as follows:

THAT the Laws directing the Contractors of the several Counties in this State, to purchase the necessary Supplies for the Army, are sufficient to draw forth the Resources thereof, if proper Exertions are made for that Purpose. It is, however, the Opinion of your Committee, that a Resolution ought to pass the Legislature, directing the Superintendant to require the several Contractors to purchase all the necessary Supplies of Forage that may be procured in their respective Counties; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Purchases of the State be authorized and required to give Directions to the Contractors of the several Counties to purchase all the merchantable fresh Hay that can be spared in their respective Counties; and also on the Requisition of the Quartermaster-General, or his Deputy, of this State, to give Directions to any of the County Contractors to procure such Quantities of short Forage as the said Superintendant may direct or that can be spared in their respective Counties, and to forward the same with the utmost Expedition to the different Magazines in the State appointed for its Reception.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Purchases of the State be authorized and

required to give immediate Directions to the ſeveral County Contractors to procure, as ſoon as poſſible, all the Wheat that can be ſpared in their reſpective Counties, and have the ſame manufactured into Flour, and forwarded with the utmoſt Expedition to ſuch Places as the ſaid Superintendant, on the Requiſition of the Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States, or the Commiſſary-General, ſhall appoint.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sebring* with Leave preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to eſtabliſh the Pay of the Militia when called out into actual Service;* which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Five Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 2, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of ſmall Cauſes, and to repeal the former Acts for that Purpoſe, and to confirm ſundry Proceedings of the Juſtices of the Peace in this State*, with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.'

Which Bill with the Amendments was read, and the Amendments being read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments made thereto by the Council.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 2, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to directing the Colonels to order out Militia for the Protection of Aſſeſſors, Collectors, Conſtables, &c. while aſſeſſing or collecting Taxes, and alſo authorizing the Paymaſters to pay the Militia, while in that Service;

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe do not concur in the Reſolutions therein contained.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 2, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe concur in the Warrants entitling *Margaret Crawford*, *Eſther Paſſel*, *Eunice Reock*, *Lydia Whitlock*, *Ann Clark* and *Elizabeth Rue*, Widows, to draw from the Treaſury their late Huſbands Half-pay; and alſo in the Warrant entitling *John Lee*, to receive the Amount of his Half-pay.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 2, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the ſeveral Townſhip Collectors to recover the Monies from Conſtables, by them received for Taxes*, is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 2, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for procuring to* Thomas Marſhall, *a Title for certain Lands in the County of* Glouceſter, *purchaſed by his Father* Randall Marſhall, deceaſed, *of* John Hinchman, *now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of ſmall Cauſes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpoſe, and to confirm ſundry Proceedings of the Juſtices of the Peace in this State;* was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carmichael* and Mr. *Thompſon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Carmichael* reported, that Mr. *Thompſon* and himſelf had delivered the Bill, Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Preſident in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal ſundry Acts, and to revive the ſeveral Acts thereby altered or repealed, and to eſtabliſh the Rate of Allowance of Fees and Rewards and of Fines and Forfeitures*, was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſame as amended be engroſſed.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for the Appointment of a Maſter of the Rolls, and for the better Regulation of the Court of Chancery*, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion.

Mr. *Sebring* with Leave preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to ſuſpend the Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency; and alſo the Act making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental* Act *to an Act, intitled, An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the ſame Committee.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Hand*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 3, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Hand* do carry the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act for aſcertaining the Value of the Continental Currency, and alſo the Act for making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto; and for enabling Creditors to recover the Arrearages of Debts due to them, when Payment has been made in the ſaid Currency, when greatly depreciated*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 3, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, relative to requiring the Superintendant of Purchaſes to direct the Contractors to purchaſe Hay, *&c.* and alſo requiring him to direct them to procure all the Wheat that can be ſpared, *&c.*

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe do concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wedneſday, October 4, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal ſundry Acts for augmenting the Fines and Fees of Civil Officers and others, and alſo an Act to prevent idle and diſorderly Perſons from miſpending their Time at publick Houſes, and for the Suppreſſion of other Immoralities*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Townſend* and Mr. *Brookfield* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *A ſupplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond*

Tueſday

Tuesday *in* October, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, inclusive, and to discharge the publick Debts and other contingent Charges thereof*, reported the same with sundry Amendments; which Bill with the Amendments was read: On the Question, Whether the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* be allowed to the Attorney-General in Addition to the Salary allowed him in the Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of *New-Jersey*, &c. It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Fithian*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchel*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Bowen.*
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Rennard*,	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Thompson*,	*Mr. Townsend*,	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	*Mr. Hildreth*,	

On the Question, Whether the additional Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* be allowed to the Auditor of Accounts? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Bowen*, seconded by Mr. *Stelle*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Rennard*,
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Brookfield*	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Foster,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr Sparks,	*Mr. Fithian*,	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*
Mr. Low,	*Mr. Thompson.*	*Mr. Vandyke*,	
Mr. Mayhew,		*Mr. Biddle*,	

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 4, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to collect the Taxes and Fines levied agreeably to Law from Persons disaffected to the present Government, or residing near the Enemy's Lines*, and requeſt their Concurrence therein; and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to confirm a Copy of the Last Will and Testament of* James Pew, *late of the Township of* Middletown, *in the County of* Monmouth *and State of* New-Jersey, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *more effectually to collect the Taxes and Fines levied agreeably to Law from Persons disaffected to the present Government, or residing near the Enemy's Lines*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 4, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 20th of *September* last, relative to authorizing *Elisha Boudinot* to draw from the Treasury *Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Pounds*,

'*Resolved*, That the House do not concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Rennard*, be a Committee to report a Resolution for authorizing certain Persons to furnish the Prisoners of this State in Captivity with the Enemy with necessary Supplies.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Wilson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Representation to Congress, agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Conference appointed on the 19th Ultimo.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act for ascertaining the Value of the Continental Currency, and also the Act for making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto, and for enabling Creditors to recover the Arrearages of Debts due to them where Payment has been made in the said Currency when greatly depreciated*, was read the second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Thursday, October 5, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Stelle* with Leave presented a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue certain Parts of an Act, intitled, An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled An* Act *for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the supplementary Act thereto;* which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, October* 4, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Possessors of the 'Tide-Marsh and Meadows, lying on* Absecom *Creek, in the County of* Gloucester, '*to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Waterworks across the said Creek, 'to prevent the Tide from overflowing the said Meadows and Marsh*, is passed by 'this House without Amendment.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, October* 5, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Ogden* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, *An* 'Act *to repeal sundry Acts for augmenting the Fines and Fees of Civil Of-'ficers and others, and also an Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons from misspend-'ing their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, 'with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concur-'rence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill with the Amendments was read; and the Amendments being read in their Places and considered: On the Question, Whether the House agree to the third Amendment in the Words following, viz. 'And also an Act, intitled, '*An* Act *to prevent idle and disorderly Persons from misspending their Time at publick 'Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, passed the 28th Day of *May* '1779?' It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Mott*, seconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve.*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Biddle,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Wilson,*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Mott,*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Carmichael,*	*Mr. Vandyke,*
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Rennard,*	*Mr. Fithian,*	*Mr. Mayhew,*
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Bowen.*	*Mr. Townsend,*
Mr. Fenimore,			*Mr. Van-Cleve.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed with the Amendments made thereto by Council, and agreed to by this Houſe.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel *Chamberlain* of the County of *Hunterdon*, containing falſe and unjuſt Aſperſions and indecent Reflections againſt this Houſe and ſome Members thereof in particular, and requeſting that a Court-Martial may be ordered for the Trial of ſundry Officers of his Regiment, whom he charges with Diſobedience of Orders;

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

A Petition from ſundry Perſons lately Priſoners with the Enemy, praying ſome Allowance to be made them for the Time they were in Captivity, was read,

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to further Conſideration.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the thirteenth Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to end the ſecond* Tueſday *in* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty, and to diſcharge the publick Debts and other contingent Charges thereof, and to augment and alter the Salaries allowed by Law to the Superintendant of Purchaſes, to the Auditor of Accounts, and to the Secretary of this State*, was read and compared: On the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Cook*,	*Mr. Biddle.*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Bowen*,	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Sexton*,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Fithian* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that Mr. *Fithian* and himſelf had delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to repeal the Act for aſcertaining the Value of the Continental Currency, and alſo the Act for making the ſame a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto; and for enabling the Creditors to recover the Arrearages of Debts due to them, when Payment has been made in the ſaid Currency, when greatly depreciated:* On the Queſtion, Whether the 2d Section in the following Words do paſs, viz. 'And whereas the ſaid recited 'Acts intended to give Credit and Permanency to the Continental Currency, and 'thereby enable theſe United States to proſecute this juſt and neceſſary War, have 'in their Operation, by Reaſon of the great Depreciation of the ſaid Currency, prov-'ed highly injurious to many of the good People of this State, contrary to the true In-'tent and Deſign of the ſaid Laws, by obliging thoſe unhappy Sufferers to receive Debts 'and Rents due upon old Contracts in the ſaid depreciated Currency, when tender-'ed to them in Diſcharge of ſuch Contracts: It is therefore now become neceſſary 'and the indiſpenſable Duty of the Legiſlature, as Guardians of the Rights of every 'Member of the Community to interpoſe and remedy ſuch flagrant Injuſtice by an 'Act to compel the Payment of the equitable Reſidue of ſuch Debts and Rents;

'Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in all Caſes where any 'Debts or Rents have been paid in the ſaid depreciated Currency ſince the firſt Day of '*March*, in the Year of our Lord, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, on,

or

'or in Virtue of any Bargain or Contract made, or entered into, ſix Months before 'ſuch Payment took Place, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Perſon who re-'ceived ſuch Debt or Rent in the ſaid depreciated Currency, his Attorney, Exe-'cutors or Adminiſtrators, to demand of the Perſon, who paid the ſame, his Heirs, 'Executors or Adminiſtrators, the full Sum that ſhall appear to be the equitable 'Reſidue of the ſaid Debt or Rent, on a Calculation of the ſaid Depreciation from 'the Time the ſaid Bargain or Contract was made; and in caſe the Perſon who 'made the ſaid Payment, his Heirs, Executors or Adminiſtrators, ſhall neglect 'or refuſe for the Space of one Month after ſuch Demand is made, to pay the 'Sum ſo demanded, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Creditor or Perſon who 'made ſuch Demand to chooſe two reputable Freeholders, and for the Debtor or 'Perſon on whom the Demand was made, to chooſe two other ſuch Freeholders; 'and the Freeholders ſo choſen, or any three of them, ſhall chooſe a fifth for their 'Aſſiſtant; which five Freeholders ſhall ſeverally take an Oath or Affirmation juſtly 'and impartially to award the Sum due to the ſaid Demandants, and being ſo ſworn 'or affirmed, ſhall have full Power, and they are hereby required to hear the Allega-'gations and Evidence of the ſaid Parties in ſupport of, as well as againſt the De-'mand made as aforeſaid, and to award ſuch Sum as ſhall appear to them or any 'three of them to be equitably due to the ſaid Demandant, which Award ſhall be 'made out in Writing; and in all Caſes ſhall be duplicated, and each Part thereof 'ſigned by three or more of the ſaid Freeholders, and the ſaid Freeholders ſhall 'deliver or cauſe to be delivered one Part of the ſaid Award to the ſaid Creditor or 'Demandant, and the other Part to the ſaid Debtor or Perſon on whom the De-'mand was made as aforeſaid; and in caſe the Sum awarded as aforeſaid ſhall 'not be paid purſuant to the ſaid Award before the next Court of Common Pleas 'of the County, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Demandant or Creditor to lay 'the Award delivered to him as aforeſaid, before the ſaid Court, in order that Exe-'cution may iſſue thereon; and the Court ſhall accordingly on the Receipt of ſuch 'Award, order an Execution to iſſue as in other Caſes, for levying the Sum in the 'ſaid Award expreſſed and ſet forth, together with the Coſts?' It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, ſeconded by Mr. *Van-Cleve*.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Wilſon*,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Brookfield*	*Mr. Foſter*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Sparks,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Rennard,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Townſend*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Hildreth.	*Mr. Bunn*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, October 6, 1780.

The Houſe met.

The re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal ſundry Acts for augmenting the Fines and Fees of Civil Officers and others*, was read and compared;

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rennard* and Mr. *Foſter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe with their Amendments.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Bernard's-Town*, in the County of *Somerset*, and another from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, were read, praying among other Things for a Revival of a Tender Act, and that the Act for raising certain Fines, Fees and Forfeitures may be repealed, or properly regulated; and that a Law may be passed for enabling Persons to recover their Bonds and other Obligations from Persons refusing to deliver up the same, where Payment has been made;

Ordered, That the said Petition be filed.

The Petition of *John Haviland*, praying that some further Compensation over and above his Pay, may be allowed him for his Time and Expences during his Captivity with the Enemy, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the next Session.

Mr. *Rennard* reported, that Mr. *Foster* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal the Act for ascertaining the Value of the Continental Currency, and also the Act for making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto; and for enabling the Creditors to recover the Arrearages of Debts due to them, where Payment has been made in the said Currency, when greatly depreciated.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Stelle*, that the Title of the said Bill, be amended by striking out the following Words; 'And for enabling Creditors to recover the Arrearages of Debts due to them, where Payment 'has been made in the said Currency, when greatly depreciated:' On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Hopkins*:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Morris.*
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Bowen*,	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Thompson*,	
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	
Mr. Foster,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,		

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be read a third Time.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal the Act for ascertaining the Value of the Continental Currency, and also the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto; and for enabling Creditors to recover the Arrearages of Debts due to them where Payment has been made in the said Currency, when greatly depreciated*, was read the third Time with the Amendments: On the Question, Whether the said Bill with the Amendments do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Vandyke*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Carmichael.*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Bowen*,	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Thompson*,	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Mayhew* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the Amendments.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Mayhew* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue certain Parts of an Act, intitled, An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the supplementary Act thereto;* was read the second Time, and amended in the House,

Ordered, That the same as amended be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *A supplemental* Act *to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchel*, to substitute in the Room of the first Section the following; 'That it shall and may be lawful for 'the Collector of any Township, Precinct or Ward of this State, to receive any 'Certificate given by any of the County Contractors of this State, in Payment 'of any Tax or Assessment heretofore made or levied, or hereafter to be made 'or levied during the Continuance of this Act, for the Sum specified in such Cer-'tificate under the Restrictions, Limitations and Authentications mentioned and 'made in the Act, intitled, *An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certi-'ficates in Payment of Taxes*, passed the thirteenth Day of *June*, One Thousand Se-'ven Hundred and Eighty:' On the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Hopkins:*

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Kitchel.	*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
	Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
	Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
	Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Thompson*,
	Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*
	Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	
	Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue certain Parts of an Act, intitled, An* Act *to amend an Act, intitled, An* Act *for the regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, and the supplementary Act thereto*, was read and compared: On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Hildreth.*	*Mr. Bowen.*
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Foster*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	
Mr. Brookfield	*Mr. Biddle*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,	
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Fithian*,	
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Thompson*,	
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Townsend*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Thompson* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that Mr. *Thompson* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 6, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that 'the Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend the Act, intitled, An Act to provide for 'the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of* New-Jersey, '*&c.*' is passed by this House.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 6, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by the 'House of Assembly to the Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal the Act for ascertain-'ing the Value of the Continental Currency; and also the Act for making the same a le-'gal Tender, and the Supplement thereto; and for enabling Creditors to recover the Ar-'rearages of Debts due to them where Payment has been made in the said Currency, 'when greatly depreciated;*

'*Resolved*, That the House reject the said Amendments, and adhere to their 'Bill.'

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Representation to Congress, in the Words following, *viz.*

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled.

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATURE of the State of *New-Jersey*, *Sheweth*,

THAT very great Exertions have been made by the Inhabitants of this State for furnishing Provisions and other Necessaries for the Use of the Army, for which Certificates have been given by the Quartermaster and Commissary-General, their Deputies and others: That these Certificates still remain undischarged by Congress to a very considerable Amount, for which Reason it has become necessary to admit the Receival of them in Payment of Taxes, whereby the Proportion of Money which might otherwise have been expected into the Treasury of the State is greatly deficient.

It is not unknown to Congress that the whole Produce of this State beyond a bare Sufficiency for the Consumption of it's Inhabitants, as well as the Labour of a great Part of the Community, is employed for the Support or Conveyance of Necessaries for the Army. These have been enjoyed by the Army, and employed for the Benefit of the United States for a long Period of Time without Pay or Compensation: the Army being our Market, the Industry of our Inhabitants and the Commodities of the State all centre there.

The natural Drain of Money from this State for Articles of Necessity or Convenience derived from the neighbouring States furnished with the Means or Opportunity of Trade, the frequent Inroads of the Enemy, and the Devastation thereby occasioned, as well as the inevitable Waste committed by the Army of the United States, almost constantly cantoned in this State, need hardly be mentioned as further Arguments to convince Congress of the Difficulties and Embarrassments this State is reduced to, for Want of a due Proportion of the circulating Medium.

Other States whose Circumstances are more favourable we do not envy; but as from our Situation we become liable not only to all the Disadvantages of an exposed Frontier, but likewise to the necessary Exactions of an ill supplied Army, we think ourselves entitled to their Efforts for our Assistance and Relief in Instances where their Ability and our Inadequacy makes it absolutely necessary.

Actuated by a Regard for our Constituents, sensibly affected with their Distresses, as well as urged by the Application of our Troops, and by the Prospect of the approaching Season, which demands an immediate Supply of Clothing for them,

them, the Legislature of this State are constrained thus explicitly to lay before Congress their Situation, and the State of their Finances, and to request that Congress would either make Provision for the immediate Payment of such a Part of the immense Debts due to the Inhabitants of this State on Certificates given by the Officers of the United States for Supplies or Services for the Use of the Army as may be sufficient to answer the present Exigencies of the State, or that the Legislature may at this Time be authorized by Congress to appropriate, as fast as the same shall be exchanged, the four-tenths reserved by Congress for their own Use of the new Bills of Credit lately emitted, agreeably to their Resolutions of the eighteenth of *March* last, for the Purpose of providing for the Clothing and Subsistence of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States for the present Season: And that Congress will at an early Day provide a Fund so productive as to reimburse the State the Remainder of the Money due on the said Certificates above the Amount of the said four-tenths of the new Bills of Credit as fast as they shall be collected and paid by the State, and the Amount thereof transmitted to the Treasury Board.

Should Congress not agree to these Measures, we know not to what Extremity of Distress our Troops may be reduced for Want of Clothing during the coming Winter, as we do not see the most distant Prospect, on any other Terms, of procuring for them an adequate Supply.

Which Representation was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to suspend the Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency, and also the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, was read a second Time, and amended in the House;

Ordered, That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, October 7, 1780.

The House met.

Mr. *Fithian*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for limiting the Fines of Jurors, and directing the Appropriation of the same*, reported the said Bill with sundry Amendments;

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred for further Consideration.

A Representation from Captain *Ephraim Darby*, appointed by *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, late Clothier of this State, to distribute the State Stores to the Brigade of this State, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had in Consequence of Information from his Principal that he was to purchase few if any more State Stores for the *Jersey* Brigade, and of Instructions from the Officers of the said Brigade thereon grounded, made certain Purchases on Account of the State, for which a Balance is due to him; that he understands from the said Mr. *Kelsey* that he is not the proper Person to settle his Accounts, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the said Captain *Ephraim Darby*, produce his Account of Purchases and Deliveries, and the Vouchers to support the same to the Legislature.

Mr. *Rennard*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An* Act *for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intitled *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to suspend an Act declaring the Value of the Continental Currency, and also the Act making the same a legal Tender, and the Supplement thereto*, was read and compared: On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	*Mr. Sparks,*	*Mr. Sexton,*	*Mr. Morris,*
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Low,*	*Mr. Kitchel,*	*Mr. Sebring,*
Mr. Mott,	*Mr. Rennard,*	*Mr. Fithian,*	*Mr. Bunn,*
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Mayhew,*	*Mr. Bowen,*	*Mr. Carmichael.*
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Townſend,*	*Mr. Thompſon,*	
Mr. Foſter,	*Mr. Hildreth,*	*Mr. Hopkins.*	
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Van-Cleve,*		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Bowen* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Cooper.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Cooper* do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them 'that the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue certain Parts of an* '*Act*, *intitled*, *An* Act *to amend an Act*, *intitled*, *An* Act *for regulating*, *training* '*and arraying of the Militia*, *and the ſupplementary Act thereto*, is rejected by this 'Houſe.'

The Repreſentation to Congreſs reported Yeſterday, was read a ſecond Time, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed and ſent to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the following Reſolutions:

Whereas it is repreſented to the Legiſlature that the Citizens of this State, Priſoners to the Enemy, have been greatly diſtreſſed, and are liable to further Sufferings for Want of Specie to procure many of the Neceſſaries of Life; therefore,

Reſolved, That *Caleb Camp*, *Joſiah Hornblower* and *Thomas Rennard*, Eſquires, or any two of them, be authorized and empowered to enquire and learn the Situation and Circumſtances of the Officers and Soldiers of the Militia and the other Citizens of the State, Priſoners to the Enemy, and to deviſe Ways and Means to procure the neceſſary Sums of Specie that will be adequate to their comfortable Supply of the Articles of Support and Subſiſtence which are not ſufficiently furniſhed to them by the United States, and for that Purpoſe they be particularly authorized to apply to the United States in Congreſs aſſembled for the procuring of them by Loan or Purchaſe a requiſite Sum in the Bills of Exchange upon *Europe* now ſelling by the Agents of Congreſs, and to know to what Amount and upon what Terms ſuch Bills of Exchange may be had by this State; and in caſe ſuch Bills can be obtained, then that they procure the ſame, and deliver ſuch Bills of Exchange to the Commiſſary-General of Priſoners, to be tranſmitted to the Continental Agent in the City of *New-York*; and if ſuch Bills of Exchange, or a Sufficiency thereof for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, cannot be procured, that the ſaid *Caleb Camp*, *Joſiah Hornblower* and *Thomas Rennard*, Eſquires, or any two of them, be authorized and empowered to negociate a Permiſſion from the Enemy to admit them to tranſport Boards, Scantling, Shingles and Flaxſeed, or any of them, to the Continental Agent for Priſoners in the City of *New-York*, to be by him ſold for the Uſe of our Priſoners aforeſaid; and, if ſuch Permiſſion ſhould be obtained, then to procure ſuch and ſo many of the ſaid Articles included in ſuch Permiſſion as may be neceſſary to raiſe the requiſite Sum and to cauſe them to be tranſported by a proper Flag to the ſaid Continental Agent in the City of *New-York*, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

2d. *Reſolved*, That the Continental Agent in the City of *New-York*, on the Receipt of ſuch Bills of Exchange, or other Articles permitted to be tranſported to

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and ſold by him, be authorized to ſell the ſame, and to diſtribute the Money ariſing therefrom, or ſo much thereof as may be neceſſary, among the Priſoners with the Enemy as he ſhall, from Time to Time, be directed by the ſaid *Caleb Camp*, *Joſiah Hornblower* and *Thomas Rennard*, or any two of them, and that he tranſmit an Account of ſuch Sales and Diſtribution and his Charges thereon to the ſaid *Caleb Camp*, *Joſiah Hornblower* and *Thomas Rennard*, Eſquires, to be by them laid before the Legiſlature.

3d. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Caleb Camp*, *Joſiah Hornblower* and *Thomas Rennard*, or any two of them, be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treaſury any Sum not exceeding *One Thouſand Pounds*, lawful Money, for procuring the Bills of Exchange and other Articles mentioned in the foregoing Reſolution, and that they lay as well an Account of their Expenditures as of their other Proceedings in the Premiſes, and of the Amount of Sales of the ſaid Continental Agent, in *New-York*, of ſuch Bills or other Articles and his Charges thereon, and of his Application of the Money, before the next Seſſion of the Legiſlature.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Vandyke*, for an Amendment to the firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions, by inſerting after the Word Militia, "and of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States:" On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendment? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Wilſon*, ſeconded by Mr. *Fenimore*.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilſon,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Carmichael*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Fithian*,
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Stelle*,	*Mr. Townſend*,	*Mr. Bowen*,
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Thompſon*,
Mr. Foſter,	*Mr. Sebring*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,	*Mr. Hopkins.*
Mr. Biddle.	*Mr. Sparks*,	*Mr. Sexton*,	
	Mr. Low,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Reſolutions? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fithian* and Mr. *Townſend* do carry the ſaid Reſolutions to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Wilſon*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report ſuch publick Accounts as might be referred to them, during the Sitting of the Legiſlature, reported, that there are due to the ſeveral Perſons under-named the Sums annexed to their reſpective Names; that is to ſay,

1ſt. To *Charles Axford*, for riding Expreſs four Days by Order of the Legiſlature in the Month of *September* laſt, - - £. 4 10 0

2d. To *John Clark*, for Expences in riding Expreſs by Order of the Governor in the Month of *June* laſt, - - - 3 17 6

3d. To *Maſkell Ewing*, jun. for forwarding the Laws of the laſt Sitting of the Counties of *Glouceſter*, *Salem*, *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, 5 5 9

4th. To *Benjamin Van-Cleve*, Eſquire, one of the Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Hunterdon*, for bringing ſundry Sums of Loan-Office Money into the Treaſury at different Times, - 3 0 0

5th. To *Moſes Sheppard*, for conveying ſundry *Britiſh* Priſoners from the County of *Monmouth* to the Commiſſary of Priſoners, agreeably to the Reſolution of Congreſs of the thirteenth of *January* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, - - - 12 7 4

6th. To *Samuel Bicalow*, for Expences in taking and ſecuring of *Britiſh* Priſoners in the Month of *April* laſt, - - - 12 12 3

7th. To *Peter Wilſon*, Eſquire, for the Uſe of *Iſaac Vangieſen*, for the Hire of a Room for a wounded Serjeant of Colonel *Meigg*'s Regiment, in the Continental Service, &c. from the twenty-fourth Day of *January* to the twenty-ſecond Day of *May* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty, - - - - - - £. 6 7 6

8th. To *Cornelius Cooper*, for a Gun and Accoutrements loſt in the Service, - - - - - - - - 3 15 0

9th. To Captain *John Outwater*, for Boarding and Expences eighty-ſeven Days, being wounded in actual Service, in the Month of *May* laſt, - - - - - - - - 8 14 0

10th. To Colonel *Aſher Holmes*, for Expences in ſending a two Horſe-Team to *Princeton*, and fetching Ammunition for the Uſe of his Regiment at *Freehold* Court-Houſe, in the Month of *April* laſt, and for Expences of guarding two *Britiſh* Priſoners and ſending them to *Elizabeth-Town*, - - - - - - - 4 2 6

11th. To *Joel Fithian*, Eſquire, for the Uſe of *Daniel Maſkell*, for fetching Ammunition from *Princeton* to *Cumberland* County, for the Uſe of the Militia of ſaid County, in the Month of *May* laſt, - 9 1 8

12th. To *Jacob Brower*, for a Gun and Accoutrements loſt in the Service in the Month of *March* laſt, - - - - 3 15 0

13th. To *Henry Van-Winkle*, for a Gun and Accoutrements loſt in the Service in the Month of *March* laſt, - - - 3 15 0

14th. To *John Duryee*, for a Gun and Accoutrements loſt in the Service in the Month of *March* laſt, - - - - 3 0 0

15th. To *Thomas Havens*, for a Gun loſt in the Service in the Month of *June* laſt, - - - - - - 3 0 0

16th. To *Jane Havens*, for Boarding and Nurſing *Thomas Havens*, one of the Militia of the County of *Eſſex*, wounded in the Service in *June* laſt, for fourteen Weeks, - - - - - 4 4 0

17th. To Lieutenant *Roeloff Sutfin*, for the Uſe of Doctor *Hezekiah Woodruff*, for Attendance and Medicines for the ſaid Lieutenant *Sutfin*, wounded in the Service in the Month of *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, - - - - 4 16 6

18th. To Doctor *Philip Dey*, for Attendance and Medicines for *James Chapple*, a Militia Man wounded in the Service in the Month of *April* laſt, - - - - - - - 13 8 9

19th. To *Jacob Brookfield*, Eſquire, for the Uſe of the Conſtables of the County of *Eſſex*, for extraordinary Attendance at the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in ſaid County in *July* laſt, - 24 0 0

20th. To *Peter Wilſon*, Eſquire, for the Uſe of the Conſtables of the County of *Bergen*, for extraordinary Attendance at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in ſaid County in *June* laſt, - - 2 12 5

21ſt. To the Honourable *Peter Tallman*, Eſquire, for the Uſe of the Conſtables of the County of *Burlington*, for extraordinary Attendance at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in ſaid County in *June* and *Auguſt* laſt, - - - - - - - 1 10 0

22d. To the Honourable *Jonathan Deare*, Eſquire, for three Days ſpent in inſpecting, counting and deſtroying the cancelled Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer in the Month of *July* laſt, - - 1 16 0

23d. To *James Mott*, Eſquire, for ſeventeen Days ſpent in the ſaid Service, - - - - - - 10 4 0

24th. To *Benjamin Van-Cleve*, for twelve Days ſpent in ſaid Service, - - - - - - - 7 4 0

25th. To Captain *Nathaniel Porter*, for the Uſe of himſelf and the

other

other Persons employed in erecting a Beacon near *Pluckemin*, in *April* last, by Order of the Governor and privy Council, - 6 1 6

26th. To the Honourable *Theunis Dey*, Esquire, for the Use of *Hercules Wendover*, for a Gun lost in the Service on the twenty-second Day of *September* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, 2 5 8

27th. To *Jacob Doremus*, for fetching Ammunition from *Princeton* for the Use of Colonel *Dey*'s Regiment in *April* last, - - 3 18 9

28th. To *Lawrence A. Ackerman* and *Cornelius P. Ackerman*, for fetching Ammunition from *Mountholly* for the Use of Colonel *Dey*'s Regiment in the Month of *April* last, 10 6 3

By Order of the Committee,
JOHN BUCK,
PETER WILSON.

The House having considered the said Report,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Persons therein named the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The transcribed Copy of the Representation to Congress was read, and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vandyke* and Mr. *Carmichael* do carry the same to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Fithian* reported, that Mr. *Townsend* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Mr. *Vandyke* reported, that Mr. *Carmichael* and himself had delivered the Representation and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, and having spent some Time thereon, and made sundry Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, '*An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act to suspend an Act declaring the* '*Value of the Continental Currency; and also the Act making the same a legal Tender*, '*and the Supplement thereto*, with the Amendment made thereto by this House, 'and request their Concurrence in the said Amendment;'

Which Bill, with the Amendment, was read: On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	*Mr. Low*,	*Mr. Brookfield*,	*Mr. Townsend*,
Mr. Morris,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Fosser*,	*Mr. Sexton*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Kitchel*,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Thompson.*
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Carmichael*,		
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Fithian*,		
Mr. Fenimore,	*Mr. Bowen*,		
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Hopkins.*		
Mr. Sparks,			

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There not being twenty Members in Favour of the said Amendment, the same was lost.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sexton* and Mr. *Fithian* do carry the said Bill and Amendment to the Council, and acquaint them that this House do not agree to the said Amendment, but do adhere to their Bill.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Representation to Congress, 'sent from the House of Assembly this Day;

'*Resolved*, That the House concur therein.'

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of 'Assembly of this Day, relative to authorising *Caleb Camp*, *Josiah Hornblower* 'and *Thomas Rennard*, Esquires, to negociate certain Matters on Behalf of our 'Prisoners with the Enemy, and also empowering them to draw a Sum of Mo- 'ney from the Treasury, &c.

'*Resolved*, That the House do not concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Mr. *Sexton* reported, that Mr. *Fithian* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that 'his House have receded from their Amendment made to the Bill, intit- 'led, *An* Act *to continue an Act, intitled, An* Act *to suspend an Act declaring the* 'Value of the Continental Currency, *and also the Act making the same a legal Tender*, 'and the Supplement thereto.'

The Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read a second Time, and amended in the House;

Ordered, That the same as amended be engrossed.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Sebring* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An* Act *to empower the Collectors to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, was read and compared: On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brokfield,	*Mr. Rennard*,	*Mr. Wilson*,	*Mr. Sparks*,
Mr. Stelle,	*Mr. Mayhew*,	*Mr. Morris*,	*Mr. Van-Cleve*,
Mr. Sebring,	*Mr. Hildreth*,	*Mr. Mott*,	*Mr. Kitchel*,
Mr. Bunn,	*Mr. Sexton*,	*Mr. Fenimore*,	*Mr. Fithian.*
Mr. Vandyke,	*Mr. Carmichael*,		
Mr. Foster,	*Mr. Bowen*,		
Mr. Biddle,	*Mr. Thompson*,		
Mr. Low,	*Mr. Hopkins.*		

There not being a Quorum in Favour of said Bill, the same was lost.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Accounts reported by the Auditor, and allowed the Accounts of the several Persons herein after named as follows:

Dr.

DR. *Hendrick Fiſher*, Eſquire, in Account current with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

To the Balance of his Account as Barrack-maſter at *New-Brunſwick*,		£. 47 6 0	By the Balance of his Account as one of the Commiſſioners for purchaſing Arms, &c.		£. 156 11 6
1776. *Nov.* 1. Balance due *H. F.*		109 5 6			
		£. 156 11 6			

DR. *Joſeph Chamberlain*, Commiſſioner for purchaſing Clothing in *Hunterdon*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

1778. *June.* To Caſh received of the Treaſurer at ſundry Times,		£. 550 0 0	By ſundry Articles of Clothing purchaſed per Account and Voucher No. 1 to 114,		£. 523 5 1
1779. *Jan.* 1. Balance due *J. C.*		46 15 1	By carting ditto to Receiver,		18 7 6
		£. 596 15 1	By 49 Days Wages,		55 2 6
					£. 596 15 1

DR. *Edward Keasby*, Eſquire, Commiſſary to the firſt Battalion of *Salem* County Militia, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

To Caſh received, &c.		£. 137 9 1	By Proviſion purchaſed and delivered to the Militia of ſaid Battalion while on Duty in ſaid County, as per Vouchers No. 1 to 9,		£. 141 11 5
1778. *March* 1. Balance due *E. K.*		4 2 4			
		£. 141 11 5			

DR. *David Olden*, Commiſſioner for purchaſing Clothing in *Middleſex*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

To Caſh and Sundries,		£. 4343 15 11	By Clothing purchaſed, &c. as per Vouchers No. 1 to 274,		£. 3909 2 2 ½
1779. *Sept.* 8. Balance due *D. O.*		30 17 7 ½	By Wages and Expences,		465 11 4
		£. 4374 13 6 ½			£. 4374 13 6 ½

DR. *Timothy Elmer*, Eſquire, Commiſſioner for purchaſing Clothing in *Cumberland*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

To Caſh received,		£. 875 0 0	By Clothing purchaſed, Wages, &c.		£. 1053 15 8
1778. *Oct.* 28. Balance due *T. E.*		178 15 8			
		£. 1053 15 8			

DR. Col. *Ephraim Martin*, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

1776. *April* 29. To Caſh received of *John Dennis*, Eſq.		£. 201 0 0	1776. *April* 15. By Amount of Pay of his Battalion of *Suſſex* Militia, for 29 Days Service at *New-York* as per Abſtract and Rolls,		£. 833 13 0
May 11. To ditto of *S. Tucker*,		383 3 9			
Ditto Balance due Col. *Martin*,		249 9 3			
		£. 833 13 0			

DR. *Charles Rhodes*, Eſquire, Paymaſter of *Suſſex* County, &c. to the Militia embodied by Law in 1779, in Account with the State of *New-Jerſey*, CR.

1779. *Jan.* To Caſh received of the Treaſurer,		£. 1580 0 0	By Bounty, Subſiſtence and Mileage paid, &c.		1567 6 3
1780. *Sept.* 25. Balance due *C. R.*		26 6 1	By Commiſſions and Mileage,		38 19 10
		£. 1606 6 1			£. 1606 6 1

The Balances ſtated to the above Accounts, are in Continental Currency, in which the ſaid Accounts are alſo made out.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer of the State for the Time being, be authorized and directed to pay to the Perſons whoſe Accounts are before ſtated, the Balances due to them reſpectively from the State, upon their reſpective Applications for the ſame, allowing Depreciation on the Sums due to the Accountants, Regard being had to the Time the ſaid Balances reſpectively became due, agreeably to the Rules laid down by Congreſs in their Reſolutions of the twenty-eighth Day of *June* laſt.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* and Mr. *Bowen* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Whereas the Proportion of Militia embodied by Law for the Defence of the Frontiers of the County of *Monmouth*, by the Default of the Claſſes in ſome of the Counties has not been furniſhed for that Service, whereby the Inhabitants of that Quarter have been greatly expoſed and harraſſed by Parties of the Enemy;

Reſolved, That His Excellency the Governor and Privy Council be requeſted to call one Hundred and fifty of the Militia from ſuch of the Counties in the State as are leaſt expoſed to the Incurſions of the Enemy, and moſt contiguous to the County of *Monmouth*, to be ſtationed in the ſaid County under the Commanding Officer on that Station, for the better Defence of its Frontiers, and to be relieved by a like Number monthly, until the Neceſſity of that Service ſhall ceaſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the above Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day relative to authorizing the Treaſurer to pay to the ſeveral Perſons the Sums annexed to their Names agreeably to the Report of the Committee on publick Accounts, &c.

'*Reſolved*, That the Houſe do concur in the Reſolution therein contained.'.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to defray ſundry Incidental Charges*, was read and compared,

Reſolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Sebring* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Hildreth* reported, that Mr. *Bowen* and himſelf had delivered the Reſolution with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Sebring* and himſelf had delivered the Bill, Reſolution and Meſſage with them entruſted to the Preſident in Council.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer pay to Captain *Ephraim Darby* the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* lawful Money, on the ſaid *Ephraim Darby*'s entering into a Bond with ſufficient Security to the ſaid Treaſurer, his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, to the Uſe of the State, for repaying the ſame in ſix Months on procuring a Reſolution of both Houſes of the Legiſlature, in Favour of the ſaid *Ephraim Darby* for an equal Sum.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Biddle* do carry the ſaid Reſolution to the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence therein.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THAT Mr. *Condict* wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act for defraying ſundry Incidental Charges*, is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.'

'*Council-*

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House
'of Assembly of this Day, relative to requesting the Governor to call out the
'Militia for the Protection of the County of *Monmouth*,

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Mr. *Morris* reported, that Mr. *Biddle* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Whereas Information has been given to the Legislature, that a Misunderstanding has subsisted for a long Period of Time, between Lieutenant-Colonel *Chamberlain*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, and sundry Officers of his Regiment, whereby the said Regiment has been hitherto rendered less serviceable to the State;

Resolved, That the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, be requested to order a Court-Martial for the Trial of the said Lieutenant Colonel *Chamberlain*, as well as of the Officers by him charged with Disobedience of Orders, as soon as Charges shall be duly stated against them respectively, and that the reasonable Expences attending such Trial or Trials, shall be paid by the State, on Accounts of the same being produced to the Legislature, properly certified and authenticated;

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Morris* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Biddle* reported, that Mr. *Morris* and himself had delivered the Resolution and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Dey*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *October* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House
'of Assembly relative to requesting the Governor to order a Court-Mar-
'tial for the Trial of Lieutenant Colonel *Chamberlain*;

'*Resolved*, That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.'

Council-Chamber, *October* 7, 1780.

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House
'of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to
'*Ephraim Darby*, *Five Hundred Pounds*, *&c.*

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

Then the House rose and closed the Session.

BY VIRTUE of an ORDER of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of *New-Jersey*, I do hereby appoint *Isaac Collins*, of *Trenton*, to print these Votes.

CALEB CAMP, *Speaker*.

End of the 4th Assembly.